

# The Creativity Chronicles



## From the Director's Desk:

Here it is December. The end of the calendar year. A time for not only family and friends to get together, but a time to kick those creative juices into high gear!! Deck the halls and save those wrapping paper tubes, your teams will certainly have a use for them. While we have a few weeks remaining for teams to register, I thought you might be interested in knowing which LT Problem is most popular to date. Drum roll please... Problem 3 by a significant margin is leading the pack. Are you surprised? Excited? Jazzed? Coaches register your teams so that a final count can be shared in next month's newsletter. In the meantime, a few thoughts for all to ponder before the New Year. When coming up with a problem solution, think about the "why not." Why not use bubble wrap? Why not talk with a heavy accent? Why not challenge ourselves with puns galore? Why not incorporate a musical instrument, especially when one is not required? Why not? Think of what makes each team member unique. Accentuate the uniqueness. Use what you have lying around and re-tool it to turn into something grand, something outlandish, something totally amazing. Coaches enjoy your time with your team. They are sure to become your adopted/extended family. Team members enjoy the time with each other and your coaches. You all will have stories to share that you know no one else will get - that makes for great memories.

On behalf of your FLOMA Board of Directors, Happy Holidays to all of you.

Anna Long, FLOMA AD

## Alumni Advice



Apply for the state scholarship today! December 3, 2022 marks the ½ point to the scholarship deadline on Friday, March 3, 2023! Have you completed your scholarship yet? We have 2 state scholarships: the Mayor Jerry Demings Scholarship for HS Seniors and the Phil's Legacy Scholarship for collegiate alumni. Both application can be found on our website and can be filled out using google form. If you have and questions, contact:

[alumni@floma.org](mailto:alumni@floma.org). Don't forget, forever starts today when you sign up for the alumni database using the QR code below!



[HTTPS://WWW.ODYSSEYALUMNI.ORG/](https://www.odysseyalumni.org/)

## Problem Updates

There were no new clarifications submitted in the month of November. Please make sure you read the clarifications from October if you haven't already! Clarifications can be read and submitted through [odysseyofthemind.com/clarifications](https://odysseyofthemind.com/clarifications).

Did you know that large tools that normally would be cost prohibitive can be put on the cost form for what it would cost the team for a daily rental fee from a big box store? Bring your rental receipt or price list from online to help answer any concerns from judges! Remember that if the tool is used prior to the performance, it is not required to be on the cost form. If it is used as part of the solution, it should be listed on the cost form. Chap V, #28 in the Program Guide

## From the Coach's Couch

How are your team meetings going? Most teams meet once a week (at a minimum) and it can be a struggle to figure out what needs done. Many coaches say snacktime is a necessity for a productive team meeting. During snack can be used as a brainstorming session or calendar overview. As a team they can figure out what needs done and schedule out the task timeframe during their 'brain break' after a long day! Feel free to share with us what you do!

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## December Events:

### Dec. 3

- Skills/Spontaneous Workshop - Magic Center Region
- Construction Workshop - Manatee Region

### Dec. 10

- Coaches Training - Buc Bay Region
- Skills Workshop - Magic Center Region
- Spontaneous Workshop - Space Coast Region

### Dec. 15

- Tournament Registration Deadline

Check out our website or social media for updates this tournament season:

<https://www.floridaodysseyofthemind.com/>

## 2023 State Pin Reveal



## Spontaneous Problem of the Month - Hands-On

**Using 2” of masking tape, 3 pieces of paper - build a bridge as long as possible**

## Around the Regions

### What's in your Odyssey Closet? Magic Region

A well stocked Odyssey Closet can give a team an easy and efficient way to be efficient and creative.



**“The Odyssey closet should inspire our Omers to create amazing solutions.”**

**- Charlene Norato  
Magic Region RD**

Take your closet to the next level:

- ★ **Start with the basics** - Include the typical arts and crafts supplies, like acrylic paint, spray paint, brushes, scissors, box cutters, drills, etc.
- ★ **Play dress up** - Include basic costuming items like wigs, solid colored long sleeve tops, bottoms and some basic fabrics.
- ★ **Step up your game** - Add unusual materials such as plastic bottles, bottle caps, milk cartons, plastic forks, knives and spoons, skewers, all types of paper, and any other unusual materials. Be creative!
- ★ **Inspiration!** - Anything can be used to inspire!