

The Creativity Chronicles



From the Director's Desk:

Well FLOMERs, we did it!! We made it through all of the regional tournaments and they were amazing!! I was able to attend three of the regional tournaments in person (Gulf, Sun and Nature Coast). FLOMA Board members attended various regional tournaments as well and by all accounts once again FLOMA has by far the most creative teams hands down. Congratulations to our 460 teams that competed throughout the State. Each of you was a winner in our book.

I am excited that we are advancing 245 teams to the State Tournament. We even have two Division IV teams performing this year! As we all prepare for the big day on April 12th at the Orange County Convention Center, a couple of reminders. This year the Convention Center is charging us for parking. Each vehicle will pay 10.00 (plus tax) to park. The rate is typically \$20.00, so while there is a fee, it could be worse. Additionally, prop drop off and pick-up is limited to 15 minutes, if you intend to drop off/pick-up in front of the OCCC. Abuse of the time parameters may result in a penalty assessed to the team. Finally, this year, teams and coaches will be given wristbands for the award ceremony for seating purposes. Parents and other guests will enjoy open seating behind the teams and coaches. The coaches voted overwhelmingly last year to have teams and coaches sit together and as close to the stage as possible, with parents and guests being provided open seating behind the teams. We heard you and we agree.

If your team(s) are creating t-shirts and/or pins, they must be approved by the Association Director (that's me) before you go into production. There are specific guidelines that FLOMA and the National Organization require for t-shirts and pins. Not sure what they are? Ask your RD or check the information in the Program Guide on our website.

As you are registering for the State Tournament, don't forget full payment is due within TWO WEEKS of your regional tournament. A late fee will be assessed for any payments that are received after the applicable due date.

Look for the details of the Silent Auction coming soon: tickets to Universal Studios, Legoland, Brevard zoo, Tampa zoo and much, much more!

Remember the Silent Auction and the State Tournament are open to all. Even if your team did not advance, if you can make it to the State Tournament, we'd love to have you. Can't make it but want tickets to a theme park? Bid on Silent Auction Items. Winners need not be present to win!!

April 12th will be here before you know it, until then practice, practice, practice.

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March Events

*all events are in person unless otherwise noted

- MAR 1**
- Regional Tournament: Nature Coast
 - 2025 FLOMA scholarships are due
 - State team registration due: Gulf Coast, Magic Center regions

- MAR 8**
- State team registration due: Buc Bay, Emerald Coast, Manatee, Palms & Tropical, Space Coast, Sun regions

- MAR 15**
- State team registration due: Nature Coast region

- MAR 25**
- OM HQ OMer Talks (virtual)

Silent Auction Donations

We are accepting donations for our Silent Auction until March 13. Items such as spa vouchers, park tickets, and more are welcome. Email marketing@floma.org to donate!



Alumni Advice

- Thank you to all 2025 scholarship applicants! Selection emails will go out soon!
- Graduating seniors and Odyssey Alumni be sure to stop by the alumni table at the State Tournament for FLOMA grad cords and red alumni ribbon!
- Details to come for the State alumni meet-up taking place Friday, April 11. Open to all alumni and graduating seniors!

Are you an Odyssey Alum?
Scan the QR code to join the national alumni database!!!



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

Spontaneous Problem of the Month

Claystruction (Verbal/Hands-On):

Materials: One ball of clay and two straws.

Construct as many items as you can from the materials given. For each item, say what the constructed item is aloud.

Sign Up Now: Coach's Talent Show at State Tournament

Coach's show off your talent at State! All family-friendly talents are welcome. Submit full name, team info, email, and talent to talent@floma.org. First place prize is \$300!

New Merchandise Alert!

Rolling out at State Tournament:



Check out our website and Facebook page for more updates this tournament season!