

The Creativity Chronicles



From the Director's Desk:

Wow, that went by fast! Here we are in 2025. Hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season. By now you should all be aware that we had a bit of a nail biter regarding the registration process. In the eleventh hour we were made aware that we had to "pivot" and pivot we did. We would be left with paper and a pen if it weren't for the timeless effort put into the registration databases by Jamy Dinkins, Kate Owen and Jen Stamey. They were seriously a triage team.

For those of you that know me, you realize that last minute things just don't sit well with me. I realize that isn't very "spontaneous" of me, but it is the truth. I know some of the coaches out there share this trait as well, so thank you all for your patience.

As we all continue to do our parts to get teams, judges and volunteer workers registered, please know that all of the Regional Directors are getting ready for each of the regional tournaments to ensure that every team member, coach and spectator has a day that is off the charts. I hope to get to at least three of the tournaments this year, and I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as I can.

Our first two regional tournaments are on February 15th. Magic Center and Gulf Coast Region will kick us off. We then have "Super Saturday" on February 22nd, where six additional regions host their tournaments: BucBay, Emerald, Manatee, Palms/Tropical, Space and Sun Regions. And finally our last regional tournament on March 1st, Nature Coast. If you can make it to another tournament, you will not be disappointed. It is a great opportunity to watch other teams and enjoy the different events that the various regions host to make each regional tournament their own.

By my calculations the teams should be putting the final touches on their problem solutions. Fine tuning the script. Sewing up their costumes and making sure their backdrops are built to impress and stand up!! The February newsletter will include additional information regarding tournaments, but for now, keep on practicing. Don't forget Spontaneous, often the portion of each competition that can make or break it for a team's chance of advancing to the State Tournament and...

All the best,
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January Events:

*all events are in person unless otherwise noted
THIS MONTH:

- JAN. 7**
 - Monthly Coaches Support (virtual):
Buccaneer Bay
- JAN. 11**
 - Problem Captain Training
- JAN. 15**
 - REGIONAL TOURNAMENT
REGISTRATION DEADLINE
 - Paperwork Training (virtual): Palms
- JAN. 24**
 - REGIONAL TOURNAMENT PAYMENT
DEADLINE
- JAN. 25**
 - Judges Training: Space Coast
- JAN. 28**
 - OMerTalks (virtual): HQ

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

Alumni Advice



Have you applied for the 2025 FLOMA scholarships? The application is on our website:
<https://www.floridaodysseyofthemind.com/scholarships>

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Spontaneous Problem of the Month

Jump On It (Verbal):
Name things that jump.

2025 Theme/Pin Set Reveal

