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## From the Director's Desk

With the holiday season approaching, I want to take a moment to share just how thankful we are for each of you. FLOMA is powered entirely by volunteers—coaches, coordinators, judges, parents, and supporters who give their time, their creativity, and their hearts to this program. As families gather and communities celebrate, we are reminded of how much this OM community gives throughout the year. Your dedication truly makes a difference, and we are deeply grateful.

As part of this season of gratitude, we're also participating in Giving Tuesday, and we warmly welcome donations to FLOMA through our Zeffy page. Your support—no matter the size—helps us continue offering trainings, expanding workshops, improving tournaments, and bringing Odyssey of the Mind opportunities to even more students across Florida. If you're able, we hope you'll consider supporting FLOMA this Giving Tuesday.

Across the state, regional boards are continuing to host workshops, spontaneous practices, and community events, all designed to help teams grow and have fun. Be sure to check in with your Regional Director to stay connected with what's happening near you.

As we move into the holidays and toward a brand-new year, I hope you and your teams find time to rest, recharge, and reconnect with the joy of creativity. Thank you for everything you do to keep the spirit of Odyssey alive across Florida.

Wishing you a warm, wonderful holiday season and an inspiring start to the new year.

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## November & December Events

\*All events are in person unless otherwise noted.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Region</b>
NOV 1	Spontaneous Workshop	Emerald Coast
NOV 1	Coaches Training	Palms
NOV 1	Spontaneous Workshop	Palms
NOV 1	New Team Workshop	Manatee
NOV 4	Coaches Meeting (virtual)	Buc Bay
NOV 8	New Team Workshop	Manatee
Nov 12	Coaches Training	Palms
Nov 15	Style and Spontaneous Workshop	Buc Bay
Nov 15	Spontaneous Training	Magic Center
Nov 19	Coaches Training	Palms
DEC 2	Coaches Meeting (virtual)	Buc Bay
DEC 6	Creativity Construction Workshop	Manatee
DEC 6	Spontaneous Workshop	Space Coast
DEC 13	Spontaneous Workshop	Magic Center

For real-time updates, follow Florida Odyssey of the Mind here:

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# Giving Tuesday

We hope you consider FLOMA in your donations this Giving Tuesday!

Donate here:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/giving-tuesday-donation-10>



Giving Tuesday is December 2.

# DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



## Make FLOMA Happen.

Every season, several hundred dedicated volunteers give their time and energy, none are paid.

But keeping FLOMA running takes real resources.

Our 2025–2026 tournament will cost nearly \$75,000, covered by small team fees and generous sponsors.

We keep fees low so every team can join, no matter their budget. Your donation makes that possible.

**Give today. Support tomorrow's FLOMers.**

SCAN ME!



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## Auction Reminder!

FLOMA's 3rd annual online auction is still accepting donations!

Last year we had incredible items and experiences such as NASA merch, Rosen Plaza hotel stay, Brevard Zoo tickets, and more.

This year we hope to have even more up for bid! If you'd like to showcase your business while supporting FLOMA, email

[sponsorships@floma.org](mailto:sponsorships@floma.org) to donate now!



**GET READY FOR OUR...**



# 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL ONLINE AUCTION



**BIDDERS STAY TUNED**  
**ACCEPTING DONATIONS NOW**

**SHOWCASE YOUR BUSINESS. SUPPORT A MISSION.**  
Donate to our auction and get seen by passionate supporters who want to shop with heart.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL [SPONSORSHIPS@FLOMA.ORG](mailto:SPONSORSHIPS@FLOMA.ORG)**

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## Alumni Advice



The 2026 Florida Odyssey of the Mind Scholarships [are here!](#)

Mayor Jerry Demings Scholarship:  
Awarded to graduating seniors who exemplify the creativity and spirit of Odyssey as they join our alumni community.

Phil's Legacy Volunteer Alumni Scholarship:  
Recognizing Florida Odyssey alumni who give back by volunteering at tournaments and continuing to inspire creative problem-solving.

Each scholarship awards \$500 or more to recipients who embody the Odyssey spirit.

Questions? Email [scholarships@floma.org](mailto:scholarships@floma.org).



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# FLOMer of the Month

This month's FLOMer is... you!

Thank you for showing up, cheering teams on, volunteering your time, and keeping the spirit of OM alive. We're grateful for you!

*Know a team member, coach, volunteer, or parent who shows the true spirit of Odyssey of the Mind? We'd love to feature them in next month's newsletter!*

Email your nomination to [outreach@floma.org](mailto:outreach@floma.org).

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# Regional Director Contacts

Don't know what region you're in? Check out our Region map here:

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