

# The Creativity Chronicles



## From the Association Director:

Welcome to the 2022-2023 Odyssey of the Mind Program Year. We have a lot of amazing things in store for you! As the newly elected State Association Director, I want each of you to know how amazing your State Board of Directors are. They are working daily to make this program year better than ever. Let's start with a noteworthy celebration - this is FLOMA's 40th Anniversary as an Odyssey of the Mind Association. To commemorate we have adopted a brand new logo. We hope it will "grow" on all of you! Keep following FLOMA on social media as we are looking for ways to highlight our alumni, current teams, and those wonderful coaches. Do you have an idea for an article? Please feel free to share it with us. You can email me at [associationdirector@floma.org](mailto:associationdirector@floma.org). I'm looking forward to a creatively spectacular year - hope you are, too!

Anna Long, FLOMA AD

## Alumni Advice



The Florida Alumni Network is made up of former Florida Omers that have 'graduated' the program. Forever starts today, when you join. To join the network, either scan the QR code above or visit the the international database via the link below and click 'join today'. Alumni are a special part of our Odyssey community and make great volunteers, coaches, judges, etc. To get more involved contact Reghan Fitch (our state Alumni Trustee) at [alumni@floma.org](mailto:alumni@floma.org). Remember the 2023 scholarships are now available on the state website!



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

## Problem Updates

There are NEW clarifications for Problem 2, 3, & 4 !!!

Clarifications can be read and submitted through [odysseyofthemind.com/clarifications](https://odysseyofthemind.com/clarifications).

Tips for Clarifications:

- Have the team write the clarification and then read it back to them to check for clarity. Would it make sense to someone unfamiliar with their solution?
- Be specific and ask one question at a time.
- If it's addressed in the problem or program guide, the response will refer to the exact place to look in the problem or guide.
- If the team doesn't get the answer they want and it's not addressed in the problem, revise the question and resubmit.
- Print out all (team specific and general) clarifications and bring to the tournament.

## From the Coach's Couch

As a new or returning coach, Odyssey Academy is a helpful resource you should check out! Odyssey Academy is a series of videos explaining the many components of OM. You'll be able to watch informative and helpful videos about Style, Spontaneous, writing a script, and paperwork - just to name a few! [odysseyofthemind.com/odyssey-academy](https://odysseyofthemind.com/odyssey-academy)

## Spontaneous Problem of the Month - Verbal

**Name a type of tree.** (ex. GeomeTRY, trick or TREAT, shoe TREE)

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## November Events:

### Nov. 5-6

- Makers Faire - Magic Center Region

### Nov. 5

- Spontaneous Workshop - Palms Region
- Spontaneous/Skill Fair [East] - Emerald Coast Region
- Spontaneous Fair - Manatee Region

### Nov. 11

- Jacksonville Iceman Spirit Night - Manatee Region

### Nov. 12

- Spontaneous/Skill Fair [West] - Emerald Coast Region
- Skill/Spontaneous Workshop - Magic Center Region

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

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

## Around the Regions

### Palms Region - Coaches Helping Coaches

Palms coaches are building relationships and sharing the excitement of Odyssey! The Palms mentoring program is designed to help Coaches. The program asks veteran coaches to mentor a new Odyssey coach. During coaches trainings Mentor Coaches work alongside new coaches and help them as they start their Odyssey Journey.

**“It is really exciting to see our coaches working together to make the program a success for all our students.” - Judi Ackerman, Palms Region**

Helpful Hints for Coaches:

- ★ **Create a timeline!** Try writing down the parts of the problem on stickys and the team can put them in order of how they will solve the problem or they can take a copy of the problem and cut it apart and put it on a timeline. Chart paper can be handy.~)
- ★ **Start tracking costs!** Remember - only what is actually used in the final solution should be included on the cost form.
- ★ **Fundraise in the fall!** More time makes things easier and any extra can roll over and start your Odyssey fund!
- ★ **Team building is sooo important!** Every team meeting should involve team building - spontaneous problems count as team building too!

## 2023 State Pin Reveal

