

The Creativity Chronicles



From the Director’s Desk:

As we head into April, we are filled with excitement for the upcoming Florida State Odyssey of the Mind Tournament on April 12, 2025, at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando. Congratulations to all the teams who have made it this far—your hard work, creativity, and teamwork have earned you a spot at this incredible event. For those whose journey ended at the regional level, you should be proud of what you’ve accomplished. The skills you’ve gained throughout this experience will serve you for years to come, and we hope to see you back next year!

As you prepare for the State Tournament, take a moment to reflect on everything you’ve learned. For our new OMers, next year will be even more rewarding since you'll know exactly what to expect. For our veterans, the summer months are a great time to fine-tune your spontaneous skills and continue working on your creative problem-solving abilities.

And don't forget—the State Tournament is free and open to all, so we encourage everyone to come out and support your teams! It’s always an inspiring experience to see so many talented individuals come together in the spirit of creativity and problem-solving.

Here are a few important details to keep in mind as we count down to April 12th:

- Review your regional score sheets, keep practicing, and most importantly, have fun!
- For teams qualifying for the World Finals, a “Going to World” meeting will be held after the awards ceremony. Coaches are encouraged to attend, but if you can’t, please reach out to your Regional Director for more information.
- The Coach’s Talent Competition returns this year, with a \$300 first-place prize. Coaches, sign up by emailing talent@floma.org!
- Be sure to check our website and Facebook page for special discounts from local businesses and attractions, including a Universal Studios discount!
- Our **silent auction** ends April 6th. Be sure to get your bids in before then.
- RSVP for seating at the Awards Ceremony on the day of the event at the Registration table to ensure teams are seated together near the stage.

Lastly, a huge thank you to all the coaches, parents, and supporters who have been there every step of the way. Odyssey of the Mind is truly a team effort, and we couldn’t do it without your dedication and support. Best of luck to all the teams competing on April 12th—we’re looking forward to an exciting day of creativity and problem-solving!

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April Events

*all events are in person unless otherwise noted

- APR 6
- Silent Auction closes
- APR 11
- Alumni Meet Up
 - Mandatory State Tourn coach meeting
- APR 12
- State Tournament!
- APR 29
- OM HQ OMer Talks (virtual)

FLOMA Merch for Pets



Pet lovers, check it out! Your dog, cat, or raccoon can now sport a “Phil’s Best friend” bandana! Available for **purchase online** and at the State Tournament.



Alumni Advice

Join us 4/11 at 9pm for the FIRST EVER FLOMA Alumni meeting at the Rosen Center Hotel's Hospitality Suite that connects to the OCCC via skybridge (more info to come via email and Facebook. Additionally, graduating seniors have the opportunity to pick up a graduation cord from the alumni table and all alum can pick up their identification ribbon! Support the alumni fund via the pin towel raffles and other select merchandise noted at sales!

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

Lean on Me (Verbal): Give explanations for the lean in the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

Take a State Tournament Tour

Calling all Regional teams and prospective OMers: experience the FLOMA State Tournament with a guided tour! Learn about OM and see what a competition day looks like. Email **outreach@floma.org** to sign up for a Tournament tour today!

Engineering Expo Fun

FLOMA had a blast at the USF Engineering Expo last month. Our table featured a hands-on spontaneous problem (tower build), spontaneous to-go bags, and verbal problems. Students returned for second tries! Thank you to all who stopped by!



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