



**March 7th,
2026**

**The Colorado Odyssey of the Mind
Regional Tournament Newsletter**

Special Notes

Coaches: When your team is in Spontaneous make sure to visit the Coach's Hospitality. We will provide you with a drink, snack and a few moments of peace and quiet!
Please no children or team parents!

At Awards Ceremony please stay until all winners have been announced or **you might miss your team's name!**

DATE TO REMEMBER
State Tournament
April 11, 2026
Thunder Valley K-8
Frederick, CO

**Welcome to the 2026 Longs Peak & Quandary Peak
Regional Tournaments!**

Welcome to the 2026 Longs Peak & Quandary Peak Regional Tournaments at Cimarron MS, Parker, CO. Just by participating at the tournament your team is a WINNER because they have solved the problem to the best of their ability! We appreciate all the hard work and time you have devoted to your problem solution and hope you've had a fun Odyssey along the way.

This newsletter contains much of the information you will need for this year's Regional Tournament. We hope this helps make your day a little less stressful. Please read carefully, discuss it as a team, forward to your parents and anyone else coming to the tournament.

We are looking forward to sharing your excitement as you show your creative problem solutions and energy! Finally, let's give a big Odyssey "THANK YOU" to Cimarron Middle School for hosting this event! Best Wishes to all who participate!! Enjoy and have FUN! If you have further questions, please contact:

Jen Curry
Longs Peak & Quandary Peak Regional Director



Hat and Banner Parade

Bring your own or make one after you've competed. Supplies will be available at 4:00pm in the Cafeteria Area. Line-up for the parade will be at 4:50 pm in the hallway by the Commons Area.



Awards Ceremonies:

Primary Team Awards
Teams will receive awards immediately following their Long Term Performance
4:50 PM - Commons
Hat and Banner Parade
5:00 PM - Gym
Divisions I, II & III
Award Ceremony

Registration Procedures for Coaches, Judges & Volunteers

Coaches: Please check-in at the Team Check-In table in the main area, verify the team roster/members, and pick up your registration packet.

Judges: Follow signs for Judges Check In/Hospitality to receive your t-shirt & enjoy a continental breakfast before your Problem Captain comes to escort you to your competition venue by the time requested.

Volunteers: Please Check-in at the Volunteer Check-In table in the main area to receive your vest and instructions.



Coaches, Team & Parent Expectations

Coaches please forward this information to all parents

1. Location & time of the team's competition—check at: www.coloradoodyssey.org and click on the tab titled "Tournaments" at the top
2. Make sure parents understand:
 - Outside Assistance and Spontaneous rules
 - Parking, unloading and loading
 - Behavioral expectations of team AND parents
 - Odyssey sales
 - Eating arrangements
 - Award Ceremony
2. Please turn off all beepers, phones, watch alarm, etc. during performances so as not to distract performers.
3. NO flash cameras or videotaping allowed without the permission of team prior to performance.
4. Spectators – Be prompt to see the team's Long-Term performance. *You will not be able to enter the venue once the team begins performing.*
5. **Be sure to bring:**
 - The team
 - Extension cords (if needed)
 - Completed Forms: **1** Outside Assistance, **1** Materials Cost, **4** Team Problem Required Lists, **4** Style Forms, and any Team Clarifications – Make sure you make extra copies in case they get lost in "OMERLAND"
6. Parking is available in to the west and along the street. Please park in designated parking areas only.
7. Please keep props after your performance in case you advance to the State Tournament! Clean up—please take out what you bring in!
8. TEAM CHECK-IN: 7:00 am TO 1:00 pm inside Main Entrance of the building.
9. ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ATTENDED AT ALL TIMES BY AN ADULT (except on the Spontaneous wing)
10. Please read the posted signs/maps to find where you are going in the building.
11. Please – NO Climbing or Playing on objects in or around the school – the team can be penalized for unsportsman-like conduct.
12. Long-Term Staging--Check in AT LEAST 20 minutes before your scheduled performance time.
13. Problem #4 – Structure – must weigh in during their weigh in time. Weigh-in will be in the Gym (look for the posted signs)
14. **REREAD** the Program Guide – in particular, please review Chapter 5 Program Rules that apply to all teams.
15. Spontaneous Time – Check-In at the Spontaneous table 20 minutes prior to your scheduled time – REMEMBER THAT YOUR SPONTANEOUS PROBLEM IS NOT TO BE DISCUSSED AMONG TEAM MEMBERS, COACHES OR PARENTS AFTER LEAVING THE SPONTANEOUS AREA until May 1st. Don't risk a "Spirit of the Problem" penalty or disqualification.
16. Request for Resolution Process – Only coaches only are to approach the Problem Captains. Appeals will only be accepted by the Problem Captain from the Coach and the rulings will only be discussed between these parties.
17. Clarifications - Don't forget to check www.odysseyofthemind.com for general clarifications for your problem. If you requested and received a specific team clarification, bring it with you to present to the staging judge.

Penalties to Avoid

Team Membership Sign - Make sure all information is correct

Outside Assistance - Only team members can work on the solution, including costumes

RESPECT other teams, their property & performance

**Pick Up After Yourself
Leave the school & bathrooms clean and in good order**

**Potential Floor Damage –
Check team props**

**Unsportsmanlike Conduct –
Inform Parents and other team supporters that their actions and words can also cost the team penalty points**



NEWSLETTER

PICK UP YOUR SCORES & STICKY NOTES

Your scores will be ready for you to pick up approximately 60 minutes after you compete. We will text you when your scores are ready and you will have 30 minutes to pick up your scores from the Head Judge or Problem Captain. The PC or HJ will review the team's



score and sticky notes with you, then they will note the time. Then you will have 30 minutes from that time to file a Request for Resolution if you disagree with an objective score or a penalty. Style and subjective scores are the opinions of the judges and are final. Please note if you do not pick up your scores within 30 minutes after receiving the text message, you will not be able to file a Request for Resolution if you find an error in your scores at a later time. Plus the kids enjoy reading the sticky

Thank You!

Parents • Team Members
Coaches • Volunteers
Judges • Problem Captains
Tournament Directors
Colorado Odyssey
Board of Directors

Coaches and Parents—
It is through your efforts that we continue to offer a successful program for the kids!

TOURNAMENT APP!

Scan the QR code to be taken to the Tournament App page where you will find links to everything tournament—schedule of events, competitions, concessions, parking, awards and more! Add the page to your mobile device home screen as a widget.



Use the QR codes to the right to upload photos to our Google Photo Albums for the Awards Slide Show. The only way we can be sure to have a picture of your team is with your help!

Awards Ceremony Slide Show!



Problem 1:
Vehicle



Problem 2:
Technical



Problem 3:
Classics



Spontaneous
Holding Rm



Problem 4:
Structure



Problem 5:
Performance



Problem 6:
Primary



Judges &
Volunteers

Team Registration, Information, First Aid & Lost and Found will be located inside the Main Entrance area along with Volunteer Check In.

Ranatra Fusca Creativity Award

Represents the essence of Odyssey of the Mind and is presented to teams or individuals who exhibit exceptional creativity, either through some aspect of their problem solution, or an extraordinary idea beyond the problem solution. A successful problem solution is not a criterion for winning the award; rather, the award is a way to acknowledge and encourage creative thinking and risk-taking.

Omer's Award

Named for the Odyssey of the Mind raccoon mascot, OMER, this award recognizes individuals or teams who demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship, exemplary behavior, or exceptional talent. Recipients of this award may be coaches, team members, parents, officials or anyone else that tournament officials or directors feel exhibit these traits. This award is not intended to reward creativity.



Drop by the Odyssey Store to Check out Creative Merchandise

Problem Venue Locations

- Problem #1 — Off The Rails**
Gym
- Problem #2 — Lost in OMERland**
D Pod
- Problem #3—The Epic Quest**
D Pod
- Problem #4 — Life’s A Ball**
Gym
- Problem #5 —Taller Tales of John Jivery**
A Pod
- Primary Problem — Clowning Around with Science**
A Pod
- Spontaneous Check In**
B & C Pod Entrance



Be sure to drop by the Odyssey Store in the Cafeteria Area and check out all of the creativity... T-Shirts, Pins and other Odyssey items will be available for sale. Some of these items make great “Thanks You” gifts for coaches (hint, hint)

Colorado 2026 T-Shirt and Pin Design

- T-Shirt – \$15.00
- State Pin – \$5.00 each



COLORADO ODYSSEY PASSPORT GAME

- Look in the team packet your coach received at check in for passports.
- Visit each Long Term Problem to see a performance & receive a sticker from the Door Monitor as you exit.
- Bonus sticker available for visiting the Odyssey Store!
- Receive 5 stickers and enter your Passport for a prize at Awards Ceremony.

Enter as many times as you wish. Several prizes will be given out at Awards Ceremony.

MAKE A FREE



Friendship Bracelet



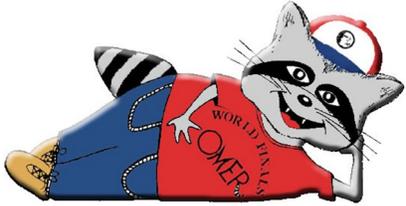
Donations are welcome!

ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN MEMORY OF TAYLOR WAYMENT



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save
the
date



WF PIN & OFFICIAL'S SHIRT DRAWING



RECEIVE RAFFLE TICKET

**FOR THE WF PINS &
 OFFICIAL'S SHIRT
 DRAWING
 WHEN YOU PURCHASE
 \$1.00 TOY
 WINNER CHOSEN AT
 AWARDS CEREMONY**

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE JULIE
 FARR SCHOLARSHIP**



**2026
 World
 Finals
 May 27-30**

**Iowa State
 University
 Ames, IA**



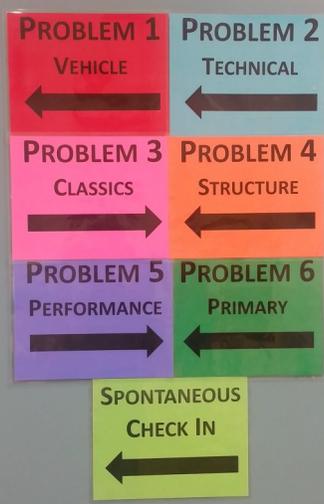
2026 LONG TERM PROBLEM PINS!

**Choose just your problem (\$4) or
 collect them all (set of 6 for \$20)!**



Concessions & Pre-Order Pizza Deal

Support the local student group, the Interact Club at Cimarron MS and pre-order donuts or large pizzas (due Wed, 3/4). Snacks, drinks, pizza by the slice and more!



FIND YOUR WAY

Use the colors associated with each problem below and the corresponding directional signage to navigate the tournament.

- Off the Rails (Problem 1 Vehicle) **RED**
- Lost in OMERland (Problem 2 Technical) **BLUE**
- The Epic Quest (Problem 3 Classics) **PINK**
- Life's A Ball (Problem 4 Structure) **ORANGE**
- Taller Tales of John Jivery (Problem 5 Performance) **PURPLE**
- Clowning Around with Science (Problem 6 Primary) **GREEN**
- Spontaneous **NEON GREEN**
- Check-in, Odyssey Store, Concessions **YELLOW**

