



**March 28th,
2026**

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

Date to Remember
State TOURNAMENT

Welcome to the 2026 Poudre River Regional Tournament!

**April 11, 2026
Thunder Valley K-8
Frederick, CO**

We're excited to have you at Poudre High School in Ft. Collins, CO! Just by participating, your team is already a WINNER for working hard to solve the problem. We appreciate all the time and effort you've put in and hope you've enjoyed the Odyssey journey.

This newsletter has important information to help your day go smoothly. Please read it carefully, share it with your team, parents, or anyone attending.

We can't wait to see your creativity, energy, and problem-solving skills in action! A big **thank you** to Poudre High School for hosting the event. Best wishes to everyone—have fun and enjoy the day!

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Concessions!

Help support Student Organizations by visiting the concession stands on Tournament Day.



Scan the QR code to share photos of your team for the Awards Slideshow. We need your help to make sure your team is included!

Pizza Deal
Pre-Order your Pizza here.
Due by March 21st.

Pizza Pre-Order Link



Problem 1: Vehicle



Problem 2: Technical



Problem 3: Classics



Spontaneous



Problem 4: Structure



Problem 5: Performance



Problem 6: Primary



Judges and Volunteers

TOURNAMENTAPP!
Everything you need for the tournament in one place

SCAN THE QR CODE
to open the **Tournament App**

- Event schedule
- Competitions
- Parking information
- Awards
- And more!

Add the page to your phone's home screen for quick access.

**How to Check In:
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, get your badge of identity 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

For the location & time of the team's competition, visit:

www.coloradoodyssey.org

and click on the tab titled "Tournaments" at the top



Make sure parents understand:



Outside Assistance & Spontaneous rules



Parking, unloading and loading



Behavioral expectations



Odyssey sales



Eating arrangements



Award Ceremony



Please turn off all phones, watch alarms, etc. during performances so as not to distract performers.



NO flash cameras or videotaping allowed

without the permission of team prior to performance.



REMEMBER THAT YOUR SPONTANEOUS PROBLEM IS NOT TO BE DISCUSSED

among team members, coaches, or parents until May 1st.

Don't risk a "Spirit of the Problem" penalty or disqualification.

Request for Resolution Process –



COACHES ONLY

- Coaches may approach the Problem Captain.

APPEALS

- Appeals must come from the Coach.

DISCUSSION

- Rulings are discussed only between the Coach and Problem Captain.

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.

PENALTIES TO AVOID

Team Membership Sign – Make sure all information is correct



Outside Assistance – Only team members can work on the solution, including costumes and makeup



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

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"!



Please keep props after your performance in case you advance to the State Tournament!

Clean up—please take out what you bring in!

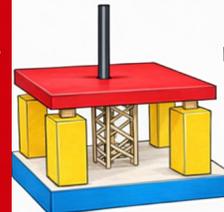
TEAM CHECK-IN:

8:30 am TO 1:00 pm

inside **MAIN ENTRANCE** of the building.



Problem #4 – Structure



Problem 4 teams have been assigned a weigh-in time. Please show up promptly at your assigned time.

Weigh-in will be in the **Gym.** (Look for the posted signs.)



REREAD the Program Guide – in particular, please review Chapter 5 Program Rules that apply to all teams.

Parking is available on all sides of the building.

Please park in designated parking areas only.



NO CLIMBING OR PLAYING

on objects in or around the school
Teams may receive an Unsportsmanlike Conduct penalty



Long-Term Staging

Be at the Long-Term Performance Site

AT LEAST 20 MINUTES BEFORE your scheduled performance.



Spontaneous Time

Check in at the Spontaneous Table

20 MINUTES BEFORE your scheduled time.

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 notes!

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!



Team Registration, Information, First Aid & Lost and Found

will be located inside the Main Entrance area along with **Volunteer Check-In.**



Awards Ceremonies!



Primary Team Awards

Immediately following Team's Long Term Performance

Hat and Banner Parade

Line up at 5:15 pm
Outside the Main Gym

Divisions I, II & III Awards Ceremony

5:30 pm in the Main Gym



Please stay until all winners have been announced or you might miss your team's name!



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 & Quiet!

Please no children or team parents.



Bring your own or make one after you've competed.

Supplies will be available at
4:30 pm in the Teams Area,
Line-up for the parade will be at
5:15 pm in the Area Outside Main Gym



Drop by the Odyssey Store to Check out Creative Merchandise

Problem Venue Locations

Problem #1 — Off The Rails
Gym

Problem #2 — Lost in OMERland
Auditorium

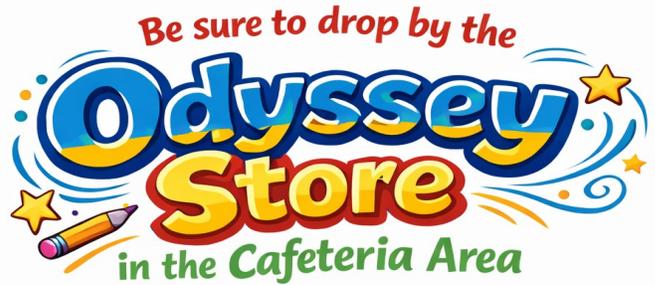
Problem #3—The Epic Quest
Auditorium

Problem #4 — Life’s A Ball
Gym

Problem #5 —Taller Tales of John Jivery
Room 201

Primary Problem — Clowning Around with Science
Event Center

Spontaneous Check In
Room 320



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 "Thank You" gifts for coaches (hint, hint!)



2026 Colorado Odyssey T-Shirt \$15.00



2026 State Pin \$5.00

COLORADO ODYSSEY

PASSPORT GAME



- ✔ Look in the team packet your coach received at check in for passports.
- ✔ Visit the Long Term Problems to see a performance & receive a sticker from the Door Monitor as you exit.

✔ **Bonus sticker** available for visiting the Odyssey Store!

✔ Receive 5 of the 7 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



Friendship Bracelet

Donations are welcome!

All donations will go to the **Scholarship Fund** in memory of Taylor Waymont



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save the date

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WF PIN & OFFICIAL'S SHIRT DRAWING



Get a Raffle Ticket!

Receive a raffle ticket for the
WF Pins & Official's Shirt
Drawing
 when you purchase a
\$1.00 toy



Winner announced
 at the **Awards Ceremony**
 All proceeds benefit the
Julie Farr Scholarship

Support the **Julie Farr Scholarship!**



2026
WORLD
FINALS
May 27-30
Iowa State
University
Ames, IA

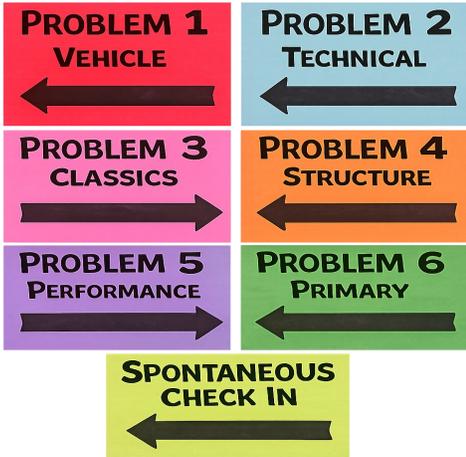


2026 LONG TERM PROBLEM PINS!

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

FIND YOUR WAY

Use the colors for each problem and the corresponding
 directional signs below 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**

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 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.