**What is Odyssey of the Mind?**
- International creative problem solving program and competition for grades K-College
- Located in over 35 states and 25 countries
- Aligned with STEAM Education, Common Core, & 21st Century Learner Skills.
- Founded on the premise: **CREATIVE THINKING CAN BE TAUGHT**

**What does an Odyssey Team do?**
- 5-7 students work together to solve an open-ended problem.
- Problems focus on vehicle, technical, classical, building, or performance elements.
- Teams present their 8-minute solution at their Regional Tournament with 1st and 2nd place typically advancing to State Finals, then World Finals.

**What’s in it for the students?**
- Students learn how to think divergently.
- Competition focuses on teamwork.
- Creative use of materials & risk-taking are rewarded.
- **Develop the life-long skill of Creative Problem Solving**!

**How does Odyssey work in my school?**
- Schools can treat Odyssey as a school sponsored activity, a school sanctioned activity, or a school activity (or club.) Coaches and judges can be parents, teachers (Act 48 Credit is available,) neighbors, family members.

**How does a team get started?**
- Odyssey is open to all types of students in all learning environments. Once a group of parents or administrators secure a sponsoring school or organization, a Membership is purchased which allows access to the full problems. Individual teams then register to compete at their Regional competition.

Generally, each team needs:
- one or two coaches (to lead long term and spontaneous exercises.)
- two trained judges (who can be at judge training and work Regionals.)
- one volunteer (to work a shift at Regionals.)

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**Important Western PA DATES FOR 2019-2020**

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Nov.  Coach Training #1  Keystone Oaks HS
Dec.  Team Theater Wkshp  Little Lake Theatre
Jan. 15 Deadline to register for the WPA Tournament
Jan.  Judge Training  Robert Morris Univ
Jan.  Coach Training #2  Robert Morris Univ
Feb.  Spontaneous Fun Day  Linton MS, Penn Hills
Feb. 15 Deadline to submit clarifications
Mar.  Regional Tournament  Keystone Oaks MS/HS
Apr.  PA State Tournament  Lock Haven University
May  World Finals  Iowa State University