

INTERESTED IN JOINING AN ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TEAM?

Who: Students in grades 3-5

What: Our challenge is to create and present a humorous performance. In it, something changes form or appearance at least three times and eventually undergoes a final change where it returns to its original form and appearance. The performance will include a very silly character, a very serious character, a song and dance, and a surprise ending.



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Why: Why Odyssey of the Mind is Good for Kids

The Odyssey of the Mind teaches students to learn creative problem-solving methods while having fun in the process. For more than twenty five years, this unique program has helped teachers generate excitement in their students. By tapping into creativity, and through encouraging imaginative paths to problem-solving, students learn skills that will provide them with the ability to solve problems -- great and small -- for a lifetime. The Odyssey of the Mind teaches students how to think divergently by providing open-ended problems that appeal to a wide range of interests. Students learn how to identify challenges and to think creatively to solve those problems. They are free to express their ideas and suggestions without fear of criticism. The creative problem-solving process rewards thinking "outside of the box." While conventional thinking has an important place in a well-rounded education, students need to learn how to think creatively and productively.

When: Sunday afternoons, occasionally between now and January, and then frequently in January-March. Also in April if we advance to the next level of competition. The World Finals are in College Park in May.

Where: The North Potomac home of a Stone Mill (or former Stone Mill) parent. There are two coaches: Tabatha Yeatts-Lonske and Ramah Muralidharan.

Cost: The max is \$40, which includes the team membership and props, etc.

Spaces are limited. Email tabatha@yeatts-lonske.com for more information and to register.

