



Description: Odyssey of the Mind is an international organization that helps students learn creative problem solving methods while having fun in the process. For more than twenty five years, Odyssey of the Mind has been tapping into creativity, and 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. Odyssey of the Mind teaches students how to think divergently by providing open ended challenges that appeal to a wide range of interests. Students learn how to identify challenges and to think creatively to solve those problems as a team. This process rewards thinking "outside of the box." While conventional thinking has an important place in a well rounded education, successful students need to learn how to think creatively and productively while working as a team.

Sponsored by: Carroll Independent School District

Grade Levels: Division I -- Grades K-5: Less than 12 years of age on May 1, 2011

Division II -- Grades 6-8 Less than 15 years of age on May 1, 2011

Division III -- Grades 9-12

Division IV -- Collegiate

Where: depends on the Coach; although most teams meet either at school or at a Coach's home

When: depends on the Coach & team members schedules; mostly after school or on weekends

Dates: September through May – Year long program

Parental Involvement Required: 1-2 parents to act as Coaches; team members parents will be required to volunteer at one Tournament, provide transportation, supplies, snacks & support to the Coach(s)

Dismissal Procedure: depends on Coach

Enrollment Limitations: Teams up to 7, number of teams limited only by number of parents who are willing to volunteer as Coaches.

Registration Procedure: Students that are interested in Odyssey of the Mind will need to attend the information meeting. Parents must register interested students.

Need more information? Here is the official website: <http://www.odysseyofthemind.com> and the Southlake Odyssey website: <http://tinyurl.com/SouthlakeOmers>

Information Meeting: September 21st Dawson Middle School 6 – 8 PM

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2010 Awards:

Rockenbaugh/Carroll Elementary School - Classics Team - 1st at Regional and 7th at State Finals
Eubanks Intermediate School - Vehicular Team - 1st at Regional and State and 14th at World Finals
Eubanks Intermediate School - Technical Team - 1st at Regional and State and 15th at World Finals
Dawson Middle School - Drama Team - 2nd at Regional and 4th at State Finals
Carroll High School Team - Drama Team - 1st at Regional and State and 3rd Place at World Finals
Carroll High School Team - Technical Team - 1st at Regional and State and 2nd Place at World Finals