

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND



Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students on topics that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. Teams form in the fall and work to create solutions to proposed problems, solutions are presented at regional competitions in February. Students may advance from the local to the state and even the world level of competition. West Irondequoit students have gone on to compete at the world level and have come home first place winners on two occasions! Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 other countries participate in the program.

Information about the Odyssey of the Mind program is available on the following Web sites:

www.odysseyofthemind.com—National Web site
www.ootmweb.org/region14—Region 14 Web site

The West Irondequoit Central School District is fielding 34 Odyssey of the Mind teams this year, providing opportunities for 211 students to participate in the program. Sixty-nine adults have donated their time to serve as coaches and we must provide 50 adults to serve as volunteer judges at the regional competition. Anyone 18 years of age who is not in high school may be a judge. The competition is a day-long event, held in Spencerport. Judges must also attend a half-day training session.

**Rochester Regional Competition
Saturday, February 28, 2009
Spencerport Central School District**

Training—New judges must attend a General Session and a Problem-Specific Session, those who have judged in the past three years need only attend a problem-specific session. Participants may choose the problem they wish to judge or may assist in the spontaneous competition.

Training Sessions

General Sessions

Tuesday, January 20, 2009
6:30-9:00 p.m.
Thornell Road School
431 Thornell Road, Pittsford

Problem-Specific Sessions

Wednesday, January 28, 2009
6:30-9:00 p.m.
Thornell Road School
431 Thornell Road, Pittsford

Recommended sessions
for **new** judges

Saturday, February 7, 2009
8:30-10:30 a.m.
Irondequoit High School
260 Cooper Road
Irondequoit

Saturday, February 7, 2009
10:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.
Irondequoit High School
260 Cooper Road
Irondequoit

If you would like to help by serving as a judge for Odyssey of the Mind, or have any questions about this unique program, please contact our West Irondequoit coordinators:

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