

Minnesota Odyssey of the Mind[®]

TOURNAMENT INSTRUCTIONS & INFORMATION – March 12, 2016

Friendly Hills Middle School
701 Mendota Heights Road
Mendota Heights, MN 55120

Certificates

- Participation certificates for team members can be downloaded from the 'Tournament' page of our MN website to print and customize as you would like. Certificates will not be provided at the tournament.

When to report

- Team check-in opens at 8:30am. The long term performance and spontaneous schedules begin at 10am. Check-in is located near the prop drop off (Bus Entrance, south side). Only one person/team at the check-in table. You will be directed to your prop storage area.
- Judges report at 8:00am. Volunteers report as scheduled. Check in at the table located on the south side of the school.
- **Teams should be in the staging area with all their props and paperwork 20 minutes before their scheduled long term performance time.** After they perform, please remove the props from the building. Parents can help bring props to staging and remove them **after** the judges are done talking with the team.
- Teams report to the spontaneous check-in area 5 minutes before their scheduled spontaneous time.
- Teams in problem 4 – Stack Attack! You have 3 scheduled events (spontaneous, long term performance and weigh-in). Report to weigh-in (Media Center) as scheduled.

Parking

- Teams and volunteers park in the Main Entrance – 'visitors' lot (on the north side of the school). Parking can be tight. Please allow extra time for walking from on street parking. Carpool if possible.

Prop Drop-off and Pick up

- Use the 'Bus Entrance' (on the south side of the school). Drive to the turnaround at the end. Enter the doors. Please move your vehicles promptly so that other teams can unload.
- All props must be taken back with you when you leave, there is no disposal provided for props.

Prop Storage

- You will have an assigned area to store your props and belongings. There is more storage this year and there are also some changes. **All** primary teams will store props upstairs in the 'locker bays' by the Upper Red and Upper blue houses. All Division I, Division II and Division IV teams will have assigned storage on the cafeteria stage (accessed from the hallway behind), in the hallway area between the stage and Lower Red House and in the 'locker bays' in front of the Lower Green, Blue & Red Houses.





Prop Repair

- Please, NO glue, paint or glitter application or touch-ups may be done anywhere inside the building.

Food – Please eat with us! All proceeds support Minnesota Odyssey of the Mind!

- A variety of food is available in the cafeteria.
- All proceeds support Minnesota Odyssey of the Mind, and all profit goes back into the program to make it better each year! Our cafeteria staff is 100% volunteers.
- **NO FOOD OUTSIDE THE CAFETERIA!**

Pins and T-shirts – All proceeds support Minnesota Odyssey of the Mind!

- Our very own 2016 Minnesota pin and State t-shirt will be available in the sales stand. These make great keepsakes and are reasonably priced.
- Those who have pre-ordered t-shirts may pick them up from the sales stand during the day.
- The sales stand also has lots of other great items! Cash, checks and credit accepted.
- Don't forget to buy a ticket to win the pin towel with pins from all over the world!

Activities – There's A LOT to do!

- Watch other performances. Teams will be performing ALL of the long term problems.
- A pin towel with the 2015 pins from all around the world will be raffled. Check it out in the sales stand!
- Activities in the lower part of the cafeteria area all day (photo booth, thank you cards). Make thank you cards that will be sent to the people who made the day possible. These will be sent to volunteers!
- Activities in the gym around 3:00pm or 3:30pm (i.e., t-shirt walk, giant Twister and more), Prizes will be Odyssey of the Mind t-shirts from all around the world!

Photography/Video OPT-OUT

- The Minnesota Odyssey of the Mind Board of Directors and affiliated volunteers will be taking pictures and video throughout the tournament. Teams can still choose to allow flash photography and/or video during their performances. Team members who would like to opt out of photography and videos taken by MN Odyssey of the Mind should notify the association director, Karen, prior to the tournament with the student's name, division, problem, and school to best accommodate their request. MN Odyssey of the Mind cannot be responsible for photography and/or video taken by other parties at the tournament.

Closing Ceremony & Awards – 5:00 in the gym.

World Finals Meeting (for teams interested in going to Iowa State University)

- Immediately following the Closing Ceremony in the cafeteria.