



Buccaneer Bay Region Florida Odyssey of the Mind 2011-2012



September 2011

Dear Odyssey of the Mind Membership Coordinator,

Welcome back and thank you for all you do for the children of Buccaneer Bay Region. On behalf of the entire Regional Board, good luck to all teams! This may be the most important information we give to you this year, so please take the time to read carefully and distribute them to EVERYONE who needs to know this information.

➤ Calendar of Events

- an overview of all due dates and coaching responsibilities is found online at www.BucBay.com

➤ National membership

- www.odysseyofthemind.com
- \$135 (1st membership and discounts for multiple)
 - Creative Competitions, Inc. (CCI) 406 Ganttown Road, Sewell, NJ 08080

➤ Team Registration Online

- <http://floridaodysseyofthemind.org/FLO/MemberHome.php>
 - \$75.00 per team (\$20.00 for Primary teams) by December 15th.
 - Complete information (home addresses for the following)
 - Coach(s), Judge, and Worker
 - Have names, grades, date of birth and school attending for all team members
 - Pay via check or PayPal
 - PayPal has a \$3/registration fee
- **After December 15th**, it will be an additional late charge of \$20.00 per team. It is imperative that you educate your bookkeeper to send all state and regional funds to me. National registration goes to CCI in New Jersey. Double check this, please.
- **ALERT:** Be sure to check with your school district. Some District's require the Coach(s) to be an approved volunteer who has been screened according to district regulations. Coordinators must insure this requirement is met.

➤ Team Responsibilities

Judge

- Each team is required to provide one judge for the regional competition.
- This person agrees to attend judge's training (February 4, 2012) **and** to judge at the regional competition (February 18, 2012).
- Judges are committed to one area the whole day of competition and can't leave to see their own child compete in another problem, so teachers, guidance counselors, and administrators make good prospects for judges. Judges are the heart of a quality tournament.
- For us to ensure a successful experience for the participants, judges must commit to and attend the training, or teams will be penalized. I will notify a judge by e-mail of his/her assignment.
- **ALERT:** Be sure to check with your school district. Some District's require the judge to be an approved volunteer who has been screened according to district regulations. Coordinators must insure this requirement is met.

Worker

- Each team is required to provide one adult to work a three-hour shift on the day of competition or setup the evening before. Workers monitor doors, keep time, run errands, and otherwise help us make sure the regional tournament is successful.
- We will make sure a worker is not scheduled at the same time his or her team is competing.
- Workers less than 18 years of age must be pre-approved by the regional director **BEFORE** submitting the

form.

- A maximum of one worker between the ages of 16 and 18 will be approved per membership.
- This form is due by December 15th.

Advertisements

- The regional tournament requires funds for custodial services, printing costs, the program, T-shirts for judges, and other miscellaneous expenses.
- To pay for this, we are requiring each team to sell \$25.00 worth of ads for our regional tournament program. The ad prices are listed on the form. Please copy the form as many times as needed.
 - Complete form found on the regional website
 - Make check payable to Florida Odyssey of the Mind
 - Send to Laurie Filardo, 18219 Dorman Rd., Lithia, FL 33547-1756
 - Must include any artwork
- The due date for all ads is December 15, 2011. This is our region's main source of income. We need every membership to meet this requirement.

Spontaneous Workshop Registration

- Date is December 10, 2011 at Collins Elementary School. Form is online at www.BucBay.com.
- Cost is \$5/team member, no charge for coach(s).
- Registration must be done and paid by 12/1/10. ***NO LATE registrations or day of event.***
- 2 sessions this year: AM (9am-Noon) and PM (1pm-4pm). First come, first served.
- MORE details will follow online at www.BucBay.com
- Bring your teams and let them practice their spontaneous skills in a variety of situations. This event is a ton of creative fun, so be sure to register and attend.

More detailed information can be found on our regional website: www.BucBay.com. Look for **"2011-12 School Coordinator & Their Role"** manual.

Feel free to attend the coach's training, even if you're an experienced coach. We will be there to offer support and assistance. I look forward to seeing you at trainings, workshops, meetings, and of course, for the Regional Tournament on **February 18, 2011 at Strawberry Crest High School (Dover)**. Until then, good luck!

On behalf of the entire Buccaneer Bay Regional Board,
Laurie

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