Odyssey of the Mind- Proctor Terrace Elementary Parent Information / Team Formation Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 17, 6:30 to 7:30 Room # 34



Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from Kindergarten through college. Groups of 5-7 students work as a team on a problem; creating the story, sets, costumes, and technical components needed to solve the problem. Teams present their solutions before a panel of friendly, volunteer judges and the teams also solve a spontaneous (unknown, secret) problem at an **all-day tournament at Santa Rosa High School**, tentatively set for March 8, 2013.

Students who want to join an Odyssey of the Mind team must be available on the tournament day and willing to commit to the team's practice schedule (usually 1-2 days per week, with some weekend practices in December, January, February and possibly March).

Parents must also be available on tournament day because Odyssey of the Mind is run entirely with volunteers. **We need adults to COACH the teams**. Last year we had to disappoint many students because there were not enough coaches. There are 5 different workshops offered for coaches' training including one for new coaches.

Visit www.odysseyofthemind.com for more information & problem synopses. Also visit www.redwoodootm.org for
local information. Contact Sarah Navarro or Celia Sedgwick - program coordinators at <u>bobellanav@aol.com</u> or
celia_sedgwick@sbcglobal.net , if you have questions or cannot attend the meeting.
Please cut off, fill out, and return this portion of this flyer to your child's classroom teacher or Proctor Terrace Office.
Student's Name:
Student's Age M/F Grade and Teacher
Student Availability (Days/Times Available for meetings or times not available, if easier):
Parent/Guardian Name(s):
Telephone- home: Telephone- cell:
Email:
Coaches' Name (needed only if already on a team)
The best way to contact me is by: <u>email</u> <u>phone</u> <u>texts</u> <u>notes sent home w/ my child</u>
As a parent/guardian of an OotM participant, I may volunteer to:
CoachCo-CoachAssistant Coachhelp with meetings
Teach a skill (painting, construction, sewing, etc.)
Storing/Transporting SuppliesOffer my home/garage as a meeting/work area
Volunteering for 1 hour at the tournament (<u>all teams must have volunteers for the tournament</u>)
Snacks Other Tournament Judge