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(L to R) Crowd cheers at Opening Ceremonies; a WF participant wears a NASA spacesuit; excited DE and NC team members march into Hilton Coliseum to help launch WF with a bang.

2006 World Finals — A Whirlwind of *CREATIVITY*

World Finals is three days of creativity, camaraderie, and competition. A record number of WF participants took over Iowa State University campus in May to participate in the highly energized Odyssey of the Mind event. Each team, volunteer, and official had an important role in making World Finals such a great success. Here are a few highlights:

-  **787** teams from the U.S. and **13** other countries competed.
-  **Pennsylvania** and **Shanghai** tied with four World Champion teams; **Georgia** and **Michigan** each had two; and **Arizona**, **Delaware**, **Maine**, **North Carolina**, **Singapore**, **Texas**, and **Virginia** each had one first place team.
-  **Michigan** also won two out of five total Ranatra Fusca Awards.
-  Nearly **one million** pins were traded.
-  **Hong Kong**, **China** and **South Korea** each traveled **15 time zones** in order to reach WF. **Mainland China** and **Singapore** were next with **14**.
-  **NASA** gave participants the chance to see what it's like to be inside of a spacesuit. Then they took their picture and gave it to them so they can always remember the experience.



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The Great Parade

Division I

- 1st Place:** Baoshan Road Primary School Shanghai, CH
- 2nd Place:** Charlton Heights Elementary School Glenville, NY
- 3rd Place:** Delaware Valley Elementary School Milford, PA
- 4th Place:** Gardner Edgerton Program Gardner, KS
- 4th Place:** Charlotte Latin School Team B Charlotte, NC
- 5th Place:** Kearney Optimist Kearney, MO
- 6th Place:** Frankfort Elementary School Frankfort, MI

Division II

- 1st Place:** Foshan Jiujiang Town Middle School Shanghai, CH
- 2nd Place:** West Middle School Team A Binghamton, NY
- 3rd Place:** Girdler Elementary School Girdler, KY
- 4th Place:** The Independence School Newark, DE
- 5th Place:** Flint Hills Special Ed. Coop. Emporia, KS
- 6th Place:** RD Euzelle Smith Middle School Chapel Hill, NC

Division III

- 1st Place:** New Lothrop High School New Lothrop, MI
- 2nd Place:** Torrey Pines High School Rancho Santa Fe, CA
- 3rd Place:** Loyalsock High School Williamsport, PA
- 4th Place:** Sherburne Earlville High School Sherburne, NY
- 5th Place:** East Chapel Hill High School Chapel Hill, NC
- 6th Place:** Owen J. Roberts High School Pottstown, PA

Division IV

- 1st Place:** Kettering University Flint, MI



Congratulations 2006

Tech Transfer

Division I

- 1st Place:** Chongqing North Road Primary School Shanghai, CH
- 2nd Place:** South Lebanon Elementary School Lebanon, PA
- 3rd Place:** Memorial Middle School Team A Durham, CT
- 4th Place:** The Chandler School Pasadena, CA
- 5th Place:** Charlotte Latin School Team A Charlotte, NC
- 6th Place:** Greenbriar West Elementary School Team A Fairfax, VA

Division II

- 1st Place:** Northampton Middle School Team A Northampton, PA
- 2nd Place:** Eminence Ind. School Eminence, KY
- 3rd Place:** Magee Middle School Tucson, AZ
- 4th Place:** Beechwood School Ft Mitchell, KY
- 5th Place:** Rachel Carson School Team A Oak Hill, VA
- 6th Place:** Lake Norman Charter School Huntersville, NC

Division III

- 1st Place:** Abington Heights High School Team A Clarks Summit, PA
- 2nd Place:** New Canaan High School New Canaan, CT
- 3rd Place:** Newburgh Family YMCA Newburgh, NY
- 4th Place:** Harrison High School Kennesaw, GA
- 5th Place:** Raritan High School Hazlet, NJ
- 6th Place:** Myers Park High School Green Charlotte, NC



Classics

Division I

- 1st Place:** Valley View Elementary School Rockford, MI
- 2nd Place:** Pine Grove Area Elementary School Pine Grove, PA
- 3rd Place:** St. Stephens Girls Primary School North Point, HK
- 4th Place:** Public School 115 Brooklyn, NY
- 4th Place:** Afton Elementary School Team A Yardley, PA
- 5th Place:** E.L. de Golyer Elementary School Dallas, TX
- 6th Place:** Pinkston Middle School Mountain Home, AR

Division II

- 1st Place:** Valwood School Hahira, GA
- 2nd Place:** River Oaks Baptist School Houston, TX
- 3rd Place:** Anglo Chinese School Independant Singapore
- 3rd Place:** Owasso 8th Grade Center Owasso, OK
- 4th Place:** Stuttgart Meekins Middle School Stuttgart, AR
- 4th Place:** Newtown Friends School Newtown, PA
- 5th Place:** Sierra Madre Elementary School Sierra Madre, CA
- 6th Place:** Northwest Gulford Middle School Greensboro, NC
- 6th Place:** Saint Michael Lutheran School Fort Myers, FL

Division III

- 1st Place:** Anglo Chinese School Independant Singapore
- 2nd Place:** Potosi Public School Potosi, WI
- 3rd Place:** Osrodek Psychoedukacji Damb Gdansk, PD
- 4th Place:** Mount Pleasant High Shool Mount Pleasant, NC
- 5th Place:** Daniel Boone High School Team A Birdsboro, PA
- 6th Place:** Easton Parks and Recreation Program Easton, CT

Division IV

- 1st Place:** Ithaca College Ithaca, NY
- 2nd Place:** Kettering University Flint, MI
- 3rd Place:** Mighigan State University East Lansing, MI
- 4th Place:** Dalton State College Dalton, GA

Ancient Egypt



World Finals

Geometry Structures

Division I

- 1st Place:** Suzhou Dongzhu Town Exp. Primary School Shanghai, CH
- 2nd Place:** Avery's Creek Elementary School Arden, NC
- 3rd Place:** Crystal Spring Elementary School Team A Roanoke, VA
- 4th Place:** Blytheville Elementary School Blytheville, AR
- 4th Place:** Partnership Elementary School Raleigh, NC
- 5th Place:** Oley Valley Elementary School Oley, PA
- 6th Place:** Martin Elementary School Flowery Branch, GA
- 6th Place:** Bay Haven School Sarasota, FL

Division II

- 1st Place:** Valley Springs Middle School Arden, NC
- 2nd Place:** Crispell Middle School Pine Bush, NY
- 3rd Place:** Owen J. Roberts Middle School Pottstown, PA
- 4th Place:** James Madison Middle School Roanoke, VA
- 5th Place:** St. Anthony School Sterling, CO
- 6th Place:** Hellstern Middle School Springdale, AR

Division III

- 1st Place:** Sierra Vista Program A Sierra Vista, AZ
- 2nd Place:** Spackenkill High School Poughkeepsie, NY
- 3rd Place:** Franklin County High School Rocky Mount, VA
- 4th Place:** United Youth Fellowship Durham, CT
- 5th Place:** Warner Robins High School Warner Robins, GA
- 6th Place:** Spencerport High School Spencerport, NY

Division IV

- 1st Place:** Kettering University Flint, MI
- 2nd Place:** Rutgers University New Brunswick, NJ
- 3rd Place:** BSA Ship Mansfield, PA





Division I

- 1st Place:** Indian River Elementary School Selbyville, DE
- 2nd Place:** Afton Elementary School Team B Yardley, PA
- 2nd Place:** Gen. Ricardo Sanchez Elementary School Rio Grande City, TX
- 3rd Place:** Holland Christian School Holland, MI
- 4th Place:** Millis Road Elementary School Greensboro, NC
- 5th Place:** Rural Point Elementary Team A Mechanicsville, VA
- 6th Place:** Lewis Greenview Elementary School Team A Columbia, SC

Division II

- 1st Place:** St. John's School Houston, TX
- 2nd Place:** Osrodek Psychoedukacji Damb Gdansk, PD
- 3rd Place:** Hull Middle School Team A Duluth, GA
- 4th Place:** Liberty Middle School Ashland, VA
- 5th Place:** John Read Middle School Redding, CT
- 6th Place:** William Penn Middle School Yardley, PA

Division III

- 1st Place:** Savannah Arts Academy Savannah, GA
- 2nd Place:** Anglo Chinese School Independant Singapore
- 3rd Place:** Dixie Heights High School Ft. Mitchell, KY
- 4th Place:** Spring Woods High School Houston, TX
- 5th Place:** Pine Bush High School Pine Bush, NY
- 6th Place:** Thomas Jefferson HSST Team A Alexandria, VA

Division IV

- 1st Place:** York County Senior College Sanford, ME
- 2nd Place:** Swps Filia Sopot Sopot, PD
- 3rd Place:** School #30 Aktobe, KZ
- 4th Place:** Kettering University Flint, MI



The Jungle Bloke

LS Champions



Structure

Ranatra Fusca Creativity Award

- CORUNNA MIDDLE SCHOOL** Corunna, MI Tech Transfer, Div II For the high degree of risk taking in the design of their unique compressed-air transfer device.
- FREDERICK TUTTLE MIDDLE SCHOOL** South Burlington, VT Geometry Structure, Div II For the creative and unusual use of living plants to make a "real, alive grass skirt."
- PALTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL** Fort Leavenworth, KS Ancient Egypt, Div II For showing exceptional creativity in producing unique commercials as spontaneous responses.
- RIO GRANDE CITY HIGH SCHOOL** Rio Grande City, TX Ancient Egypt, Div III For the use of unique and extremely random scavenged materials in order to create realistic Egyptian artifacts.
- WESTWOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** Traverse City, MI The Great Parade, Div I For exceptional creativity in a float design that elevates into the air and spins.





ODYSSEY OF THE MIND® 2006-07 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Questions? Email info@odysseyofthemind.com or call 856.456.7776.

For new memberships or renewals, complete this form and return it with a check, purchase order, or credit card information (see below).
Or register online at www.odysseyofthemind.com.

Check one:

Divisions I, II and III:

- Individual school:** Must register in the school name. May enter one team per problem per division in competition.
- Two or more schools:** Must share the same principal to be under the same membership. Use school district name on application. May enter one team per problem per division in competition.
- Home-schooled students:** Must include at least four home-schooled students. May also include up to three members from one school. May enter one team per problem in competition.
- Community Group:** May enter one team per problem in competition. May not be an organization established solely for the purpose of participating in Odyssey of the Mind. Please submit by-laws if this is a new membership.

Division IV: All team members must be high school graduates and registered for at least one class at a college or university. They do not have to attend the same institution. May enter one team per problem and may proceed directly to World Finals.

Membership name _____ Membership number (for renewal, if known) _____

Grades covered by membership _____ School district _____ County _____

Contact person (may be a coach) _____

Mailing address (for newsletter delivery and correspondence) _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Daytime phone _____ FAX _____ Email _____

**Each individual membership costs \$135, but you will receive discounts if you purchase more than one membership. For each membership purchased, you get five competitive long-term problems, one primary problem, one copy of the Program Guide, Odyssey of the Mind curriculum activities, one newsletter subscription, and more!*

- Individual 2006-2007 Odyssey of the Mind membership @ \$135.....
- Additional membership(s) for the same school or community group @ \$100
- 6-10 memberships for the same school district (registered at the same time) @ \$120
- 11 or more memberships from the same school district (registered at the same time) @ \$100

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND SUPPORT MATERIALS

- NEW!** ****Lots of Problems...And Tips to Make You More Creative @ \$19** Problems with creativity tips.....
- A Creative Experience @ \$9.95** Odyssey of the Mind promotional DVD
- **Creative Interaction @ \$19** Discusses the importance of interaction between students
- **Applying Your Creativity @ \$18** Discusses different types of human creativity
- **Creativity + Teamwork = Solutions! @ \$18** Includes tips on building effective teams
- Spontaneous Problem Competitions @ \$7.50** Booklet of problems and tips
- Updated** Odyssey of the Mind Program Guide @ \$7.50 (one is included with membership)
- Coaches Training Video @ \$20** Tips and techniques for coaches
- packs of **Balsa Wood** (premium grade AAA 36" x 1/8" x 1/8") @ \$20 per 100 pieces

* Spend \$40 or more and get free Shipping & Handling. Orders under \$40, add \$6 Shipping & Handling
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***There are no shipping & handling charges for membership packets**

**These books are a collection of long-term and spontaneous problems from past competition years

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Hey Teams,
I had fun, as always, at Iowa State University!
I hope to see you next year at our new spot -
Michigan.

Your friend,
OMER

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The Odyssey of the Mind 2006 Spirit Award Recipient is Mabry King whose commitment to Odyssey of the Mind and the international program has helped students from around the world express their creativity and experience cultural exchange. She has been a coach, judge, AD, and many other roles in Odyssey of the Mind.

The 2006 Creativity Award Goes to Odyssey of the Mind Coaches

for selflessly donating their time to children in order to help them find their own creative paths. They change lives by giving children the tools they need to be successful, creative adults. Coaches **Maryann Williams** and **Michelle Lipovich** accepted the Creativity Award on behalf of all Odyssey of the Mind coaches, past, present, and future, during the Awards Ceremonies.

CREATIVITY BOOTH WINNERS

Most Creative:
Arkansas

Most Popular:
California



There were many other booths with activities at WF. Here, participants "dig for gold" at Colorado's Creativity Festival Booth.

FLOAT FINALISTS

Arkansas
Colorado
Delaware
Georgia
Maine
New York
North Carolina
Texas
Beijing
Shanghai

BANNER FINALISTS

Arizona
Cameroon
Connecticut
Japan
Kansas
Mexico
Michigan
New Jersey
Pennsylvania
Virginia



OMER's Award Recipients

- **Alan Stromaier**, Iowa State Association Director
Alan went to great lengths to set up a website with local information and travel, and arranged and participated in a shuttle service for officials and international teams.
- **Baron Collier HS**, Naples Florida, Geometry Structure
This team graciously gave up their spot at World Finals for a younger team so they could have the experience. Going a giant step farther, they sent the team a good luck note with a check for expenses.
- **Norm Hill**, Prop Director, Iowa State University
For going out of his way to help teams find missing props. He was kind, concerned, and never showed an ounce of frustration. This year there were twice as many props than in 2003.
- **Coaches Teresa Jones and Missy Dickey**, Rolla, Missouri, Tech Transfer
For showing true Odyssey spirit by volunteering for many hours at Premiere Portraits' booth when they noticed how busy it was.