

Odyssey of the Mind[®] 2007 World Finals Buddy Team Request Form

Odyssey of the Mind offers World Finals teams from the United States and Canada the opportunity to serve as on-campus Buddy Teams to International Teams attending World Finals. It is our wish to provide a warm welcome to these teams as they travel to the U.S., many for the first time. We would like the Buddy Team to welcome its International Team upon arrival at Michigan State University; escort team members around campus, to meals and special events; and perhaps even schedule some group activities. Though the degree of interaction varies from team to team, the International students will be most interested in learning about where you live, what your school is like, and the differences between our cultures. You may eat some meals together, plan an excursion off campus, go swimming, play soccer, or just hang out together. They may need assistance in finding the various sites on campus, or with materials and tools for last minute repair of props.

To participate as a Buddy Team, your team must register for World Finals and Michigan State University housing. It is helpful if someone affiliated with your team speaks the native language of the partnered team, but this is not a requirement. Most often, at least one member of the International Team speaks English. We highly recommend that Buddy Teams plan to arrive Tuesday, so they can meet their International Team as early as possible.

Even if you are a first-time World Finals team, we hope you will take advantage of this opportunity. Your team will cherish the memories of this experience for a lifetime. To participate in the Odyssey of the Mind Buddy Team Program, please complete this form and return it by April 20, 2007, to Odyssey of the Mind, c/o Creative Competitions, Inc., 1325 Route 130 South, Suite F, Gloucester City, NJ 08030; Fax: (856) 456-7008. Late applications will be accepted from those states whose tournaments are April 21 or later. For more information please contact Buddy Team Coordinator, Paula Mittner at pmittner@comcast.net.

Notification of assignments will be made approximately two weeks before World Finals.

Membership Name: _____ Membership #: _____

Coaches Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

*E-mail: _____

***Most communication is by e-mail, so it is essential to include an e-mail address and to print it clearly.**

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____ Fax _____

Problem Name: _____ Division: I II III IV

Campus arrival day: ____/____/____ Time: _____ Campus departure day: ____/____/____ Time: _____

Mode of local transportation: _____

Any foreign languages spoken by members of your team: _____

Names, gender, and ages of team members:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

5. _____ 6. _____

7. _____

If there is anything special you feel you could offer to an International Team, or any other information you would like to share, add it below or on another sheet.

All countries listed may not send a representative, so please rank your first three choices numerically and then place a check mark next to others you would consider as well.

_____ Africa	_____ Indonesia	_____ Slovak Republic
_____ Argentina	_____ Japan	_____ South Korea
_____ Australia	_____ Kazakhstan	_____ Switzerland
_____ Belarus	_____ Lithuania	_____ Turkey
_____ British Columbia	_____ Malaysia	_____ Ukraine
_____ China	_____ Mexico	_____ United Kingdom
_____ Czech Republic	_____ Moldova	_____ Uzbekistan
_____ El Salvador	_____ Netherlands	_____ Any Int'l Team
_____ Germany	_____ Philippines	
_____ Greece	_____ Poland	
_____ Hong Kong	_____ Russia	
_____ Hungary	_____ Singapore	