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WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

- Team Registration**
International Center
8AM – midnight
- Coaches Meeting w/IPC's**
Auditorium
4PM – 6PM
- Opening Ceremonies**
Jack Breslin Student Center
7:30PM – 9PM

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

For World Finals

- Emergency ONLY**
Fire, Police, Ambulance
911
- Greater Lansing Visitor Center**
(517) 487-0077
- MSU Campus Information**
(517) 355-1855
- MSU Physicians Office**
Olin Health Center
(517) 884-6546
- MSU Public Safety**
Police Department
Parking
(517) 355-2221
- MSU Visitor Center**
on Trowbridge
(517) 355-9651
- Props/Storage Information**
(517) 355-1700
- World Finals Information Desk**
(517) 432-0798

WELCOME TO ODYSSEY OF THE MIND WORLD FINALS AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

by Brendan Dwyer

East Lansing Michigan, and Michigan State University, are pleased to be the home of the 2010 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals competition. This 31st annual event brings together over 5,500 participants from around the world and will provide an electric setting of learning, camaraderie and fun.

A university known world-wide for cutting edge research in science and agriculture, Michigan State is the perfect backdrop for an event showcasing the innovation of today's brightest young minds. With an annual enrollment of over 47,000 students, spread across a beautiful and scenic 5,200-acre campus, MSU is both an intellectual hot-bed and a picturesque landscape. East Lansing is a bright and thriving community full of unique attractions, galleries, museums and plenty of amazing shopping and dining opportunities.

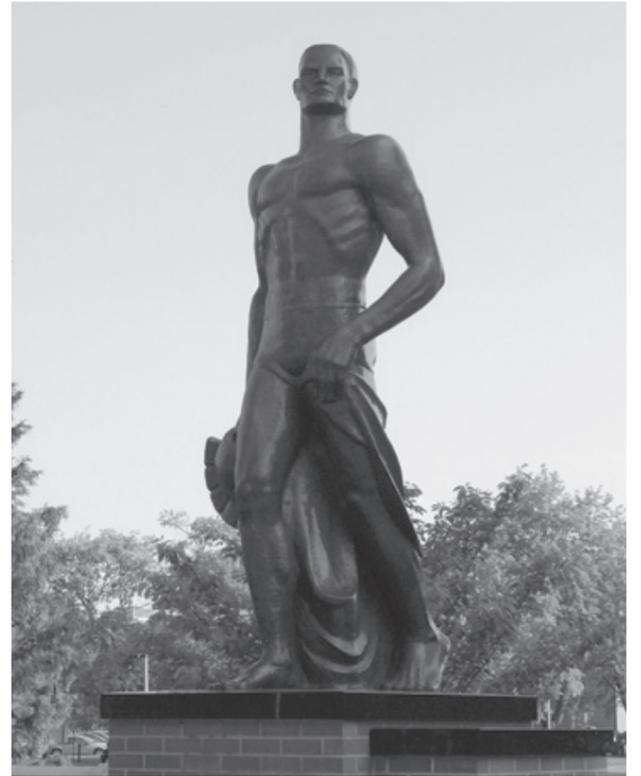
When not in competition, participants, friends and family are encouraged to seek out some of the many attractions on campus! As the nation's first land grant college, MSU is a foremost leader in horticulture and botany. See all types of beautiful flowers and unique plant specimens at the Beal Botanical Gardens, the Demonstration Gardens and the 4-H Children's Gardens. Learn more about Michigan history at the MSU Museum or see over 7,500 works of art at the Kresge Art Museum.

Just down the road from MSU Campus is downtown Lansing, Michigan's Capital City. Take some time to explore the State Historical Museum or GO NUTS at Cooley Law School Stadium as you cheer on our minor league baseball team the Lansing Lugnuts. Science fans of all ages will want to be sure to check out our award-winning hands-on museum, the Impression 5 Science Center.

All through the Greater Lansing region guests will find opportunities to learn, showcase creativity, make friends and have fun. From competitions with your teams, to trading pins to exploring the areas many attractions, eateries and shops you're certain to feel the energy of your Odyssey of the Mind home away from home. This is Spartan Country – Welcome to Greater Lansing Michigan!



The Red Cedar River winds through Michigan State University campus, adding to its natural beauty.



The bronze Spartan statue, located at the intersection of Kalamazoo St. and Red Cedar Rd., replaced the previous terra cotta statue in August, 2005.

OPENING CEREMONY TICKET INFORMATION

Teams, coaches, and guests staying on campus will have reserved Opening Ceremonies tickets in their registration packets. All others will need to get their reserved seating tickets at the Odyssey of the Mind Information Booth at the International Center on Wednesday, May 26th for Wednesday night's Opening Ceremonies between 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. All seats are reserved. Any tickets still available after 6 pm can be obtained at the Breslin Center Ticket Office. Concessions will be open during the event.

TEAM PHOTOGRAPHY

Premier Portraits is taking official team photos again this year. Visit its booth at the Creativity Festival in Jenison Field House. Team pictures will also be available at the Breslin Center, located on the concourse between Gate B and the Ticket Office. Enter the building from Gate B. Hours at the Breslin Center are:

- Wednesday - 1:00 pm – 9:00 pm**
- Thursday - 9:30 am – 8:30 pm**
- Friday - 9:30 am – 8:30 pm**
- Saturday - 9:30 am – 9:30 pm**

Each team photographed will receive a free 5x7 photo and each photo will have the current Odyssey of the Mind logo. Photographers recommend that you bring your entire team to the photo location to be photographed immediately after your competition. No appointments are necessary, but come as early as you can to avoid long lines. Costumes and props are strongly encouraged.

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS BEAMING WITH EXCITEMENT

by Jane DePriest

Excitement reigns at World Finals and nowhere is that more evident than with the international teams and the international host crew. "Odyssey is the best thing in the world," says Mieko Graham, 15, from Coquitlan (near Vancouver), British Columbia, Canada. She had just arrived at the registration desk with her mother, Crystal Graham, after a trip spanning almost 24 hours and involving trips by car, bus, train, plane, and finally a taxicab.

This year there are 132 international teams from countries around the world, including Canada, China, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Russia, Singapore, and South Korea as well as teams from the Department of Defense Dependent Schools. "The philosophy of the Odyssey program is to provide an opportunity for people to come together and appreciate each other's backgrounds and build good international relations," says Mabry King, the international host crew liaison. King and her co-liaison, Linda Stevenson from Leamington, Ontario,

Canada, both have worked on Odyssey projects for more than 25 years. The international host crew also includes Chris Eaton and Tom Scott who co-ordinate the Home Stay program, and Paula Mittner, who is the Buddy Team coordinator, and many others who help with registration.

The Buddy Team program matches an American team with an international team. This year 109 international teams have been matched up with American counterparts. In addition, 14 international teams are participating in home stays. This offers an opportunity for international participants to stay with Odyssey of the Mind families before or after World Finals.

Representatives of the Methodist Girls School in Singapore arrived at registration after a 21-hour air trip. "It was a long journey, but we are excited to be here," says Tsuilan Yap, who along with Shahedah Khan and Julia Tan are teachers. They work with parent coaches at the school that brought 21 girls who are participating on three different teams.

Radeu Grabicki, a coach with a team from Gdynia, Poland, sees Odyssey as an opportunity for kids to learn something new. "It teaches them creativity, and they can develop new skills. Plus it is fun!" His team of five students are experiencing their first World finals.

One international team used a unique approach to seek sponsors to cover the trip expenses. "Our team decided to run, walk, cycle and/or swim the width of Singapore (42.8 kilometers, or about the same as a marathon)," says Colin Choe with the Singapore Anglo-Chinese School. Ten percent of the money raised went to the Singapore Red Cross Society for their work with disabled children, and 100 percent of funds raised above the trip cost also went to that organization. In the end, the group raised almost \$1,000 U.S. for the Society.

Stevenson wraps it all up by saying, "It isn't a matter of what language you speak, you can participate and solve the problems and share with others."

NASA SPONSORSHIP

by Suban Nur Cooley

Have you ever wondered what the inside of a hurricane looks like? Are you curious to see satellite images of our planet after the volcano erupted in Iceland? Luckily, one of the many perks of Odyssey being sponsored by NASA is the unique opportunity to observe the Earth in a way that you've never seen it before.

The 2010 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals will commemorate a decade of sponsorship from NASA's Earth Science Division, with a focus and interest in the Earth science-based problems being solved at OotM.

"Not many people know that NASA's involvement in Earth science is rather large," says Steven Graham, Senior Outreach Specialist at NASA. "NASA not only does the Space Shuttle, the International Space Station, and sends probes and satellites to Mars ... we also have a massive Earth science program dedicated to trying to understand how our planet works."

One of the featured activities provided by NASA at World Finals is the Earth Science E-Theater. This presentation gives you a

glimpse into the innovative ways that NASA is conducting Earth observations and visualizations.

Some other examples of the compelling earth science images and movies you will see during the E-Theater are:

- The entire 2005 hurricane season viewed in three minutes.
- Satellite views of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and how NASA is monitoring it.

Another exciting feature NASA also has on offer is its Creativity Festival booth, with many fun activities for all.

"The best and the brightest students [from] countries around the world [are] pooling their resources, minds, knowledge and skills – to solve a problem. And NASA does that, literally, every single minute of every day," says Graham.

Beyond fostering creativity, NASA is also able to reach a global audience through its Odyssey partnership. "There's no way we could reach this [size] of a student population in four days anywhere else, [or] at any other time,"

adds Graham. "We highly value the relationship with OotM and look forward to continued sponsorship."

OOTM COMPUTER ACCESS

Computer labs are available with 24/7 access to Odyssey of the Mind guests at the following locations:

- Akers – 22W
- Yakeley – G26E
- Union – 16
- South Case – 337
- Wilson – C108
- McDonel – E38
- Anthony Hall – 1210
- Shaw Hall – C4West

Login will be visitor and wireless access is available through:

<http://www.wireless.msu.edu/>

where instructions are available.



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ODYSSEY OF THE MIND PHOTOS | FLICKR.COM ACCOUNT

Share your photos from the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals 2010 in East Lansing, Michigan, and they may be included in OMER's World News and other Odyssey publications. Please include the full name of any person in the photo, the date it was taken, and any other relevant details.

EASY STEPS ON HOW TO POST YOUR PHOTOS

Step 1:

Join the group from your own flickr.com account*
<http://www.flickr.com/groups/1460290@N22/>

Step 2:

Post in the "pool" once you've joined the group
<http://www.flickr.com/groups/1460290@N22/pool/>

*NOTE: You will need to sign up for a flickr.com account in order to post your photos!



be green
spartan

Michigan State University welcomes all students participating in the 2010 World Finals Odyssey of the Mind competition. As a resident on campus you are now part of MSU's Be Spartan Green initiative.

We challenge you to lessen your impact on the environment and the campus as much as possible by taking some simple steps that will keep Michigan State University clean and green. While you are competing to be the most creative and innovative, also consider how you can be the GREENEST.

Here is how you can help employ the 5Rs and Be Spartan Green:

Reduce/Reuse – Reduce your footprint whenever possible, using materials, water and energy wisely. Bring a refillable water bottle and refill at our hydration stations rather than purchasing bottled water. Turn off the lights when you leave a room. Turn the water off while brushing your teeth and use reusable shopping bags instead of grocery store bags.

Recycle – MSU has a brand new recycling center on campus, the MSU Recycling and Surplus Center (www.recycle.msu.edu). The MSU Recycling and Surplus Center allows our campus to divert over 30% of our waste from landfills.

As a campus resident we need you to do your part. It is your responsibility to put material into the recycling containers.

MSU recycles the following material:

- White paper, mixed paper/boxboard, newspapers, plastics #1-#7/metal and wood. Plastics #1-#7 include items such as plastic grocery bags, shrink wrap, bubble wrap, PVC pipe, etc. Metal includes wire mesh and other kinds of metals. We are currently unable to recycle glass. If you created something unusual that has re-use potential, let us know.
- Michigan is one of the few states that have a bottle law. Most carbonated beverage containers are worth 10 cents if you take them to a local grocery store and redeem them. Additionally, all plastic and metal beverage containers can be recycled.

- Unpacking and assembly areas will have special recycling containers to make recycling in the prep room easy. Please read the signs and utilize our co-mingled recycling containers in the prep areas and divert items from the landfill.

- If you want to save your prop for shipping home, we will have signs onsite for you to do so.

Rethink – Before you throw something into the trash, think about what else can be done with the item. The props you create may have a future use if you take time to think about it. Consider how you can minimize your footprint at MSU and Be Spartan Green.

Re-educate – There will be signs all over campus to help Odyssey participants understand how to divert materials from the landfill and Be Spartan Green. Be a role model through your actions and take the lead on being Spartan Green: reduce, reuse, recycle.

Redesign – Think creatively about your projects and how you can incorporate items to give them a second life.

For your safety, Odyssey participants are instructed to stay out of back dock and dumpster areas and must not go there at any time.

Thank you for supporting the Be Spartan Green initiative! Good luck in competition, and know that Michigan State University is proud to be the 2010 host site of Odyssey of the Mind.

HELPFUL TEAM INFORMATION

CANCELLATION STAMPS AVAILABLE

at the MSU Union Post Office

Get Odyssey of the Mind World Finals cancellation stamps at the MSU Union Post Office. It is located on the main floor of the Student Union building and offers services such as Western Union (for receiving money only), public fax and money orders for purchase. The Odyssey of the Mind post office station will cancel any postcard or envelope with first class postage attached. The post office will supply stamps and envelopes onsite for purchase.

Post Office Hours:

Monday – Friday: 8 am – 5:30 pm
Saturday: 9 am – 12 pm

For anyone unable to receive a cancellation stamp during the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals, send the postcard(s) or envelope(s) – first class postage must be attached – along with a stamped return envelope to:

1 Union Building
East Lansing, MI 48824-1029

You may request the cancellation up to 30 days after the World Finals.

SUPPLY STORES

- CVS/Pharmacy**
240 M.A.C. Ave., East Lansing
(517) 336-8216
- FedEx Office Print & Ship Center**
626 Michigan Ave., East Lansing
(517) 332-5855
- Hobby Lobby**
2775 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
(517) 337-9253
- Home Depot**
1749 Newman Rd., Okemos
(517) 381-0650
- Jo-Ann Fabrics & Crafts**
533 Mall Ct., Lansing
(517) 664-1061
- Lowe's Home Improvement**
6821 S. Cedar St., Lansing
(517) 699-2940
- Meijer Grocery Store**
1350 W. Lake Lansing Rd., East Lansing
(517) 332-2444
- Michael's Arts & Crafts**
540 Frandor Ave., Lansing
(517) 332-1778
- Sam's Club**
2925 Towne Centre Blvd., Lansing
(517) 482-9149
- Staples**
3003 East Michigan Ave., Lansing
(517) 332-3632
- Student Book Store**
421 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
(517) 351-4210
- Target**
4890 Marsh Rd., Okemos
(517) 347-0700
- Walmart Supercenter**
3225 Towne Centre Blvd., Lansing
(517) 487-9150

PROP STORAGE & DELIVERY INFORMATION

If you shipped props ahead of time: You may call (517) 884-6082 for prop information. Remember to have the carrier's tracking number available. Props will be at each competition site by noon on Monday, May 24th. Logistics personnel will be available at the prop information booth in the International Center on Tuesday, May 25th and Wednesday, May 26th, from 9:00am until 4:00pm. Oversized cartons will be held at logistics central receiving (133 Service Rd.) for your team to pickup. Please call (517) 884-6082 prior to arrival so that pickup can be arranged at the loading dock. Logistics central receiving hours are 7:30am - 11:45am and 12:30pm - 3:45pm Monday through Friday.

Prop Return Shipments:

- All shipments must be prepaid.
- All cartons must be properly labeled.
- Place all return shipments in the prop staging area of your problem site by 5:00pm on Saturday, May 29th for pickup on Sunday, May 30th.
- All return shipments must be arranged directly with the carrier of your choice.

MSU and Logistics Central Receiving are not responsible for shipment costs or labeling.

Questions? Please contact (517) 884-6203 or (517) 884-6082

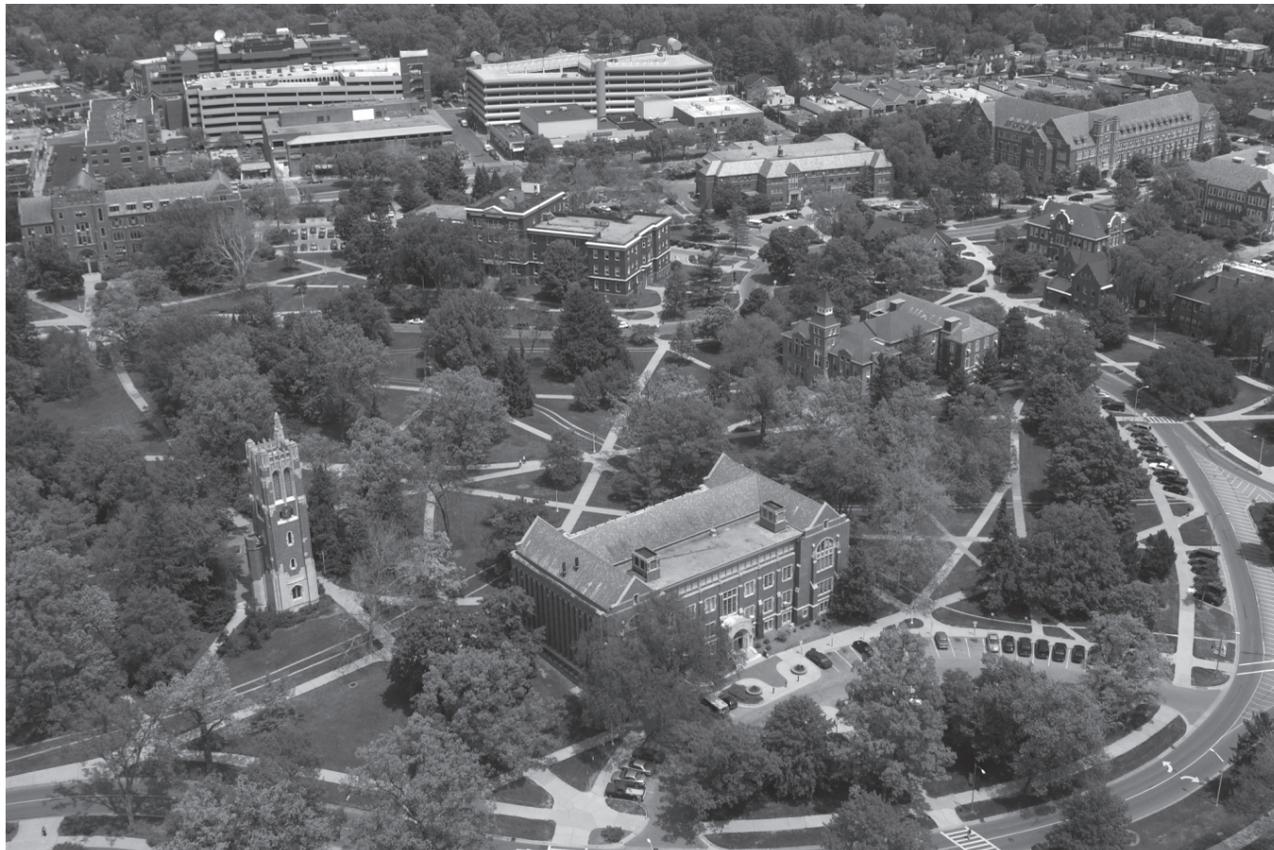
DINING DETAILS – WRISTBANDS

You will be assigned to a specific dining center for your meals at team registration. All persons who have purchased Odyssey of the Mind meal packages will be issued a color-coded wristband and access card allowing them into the appropriate dining center. Many special dietary needs (for example, a person with diabetes, or those who prefer a vegetarian diet), can be accommodated simply by choosing appropriately from the wide variety of choices that will be available at each meal. If you have a team member with a medically required dietary need (such as a food allergy), please contact Residential and Hospitality Services' Conference Services at (517) 353-8513 with the team member's information and accommodation needs.

Each guest must have both a wristband and an access card to enter the designated dining location. Upon entry, please have card ready. Lost cards will be replaced for a fee at each hall's service center. Damaged cards will be replaced one-for-one. Takeout meals are provided in one location per complex. The meal missed will be marked of on each guest's access card.

Wristband Colors

Akers - teal	Recreation only - pink
Case - tan	Shaw - orange
Holden - yellow	Wilson - aqua
Holmes - white	Wonders - black
Landon - purple	Yakeley - gray
McDonel - green	All access - hot pink



An aerial view of the Beaumont Tower and surrounding MSU campus.

WHAT TO DO ON CAMPUS

Wharton Center for Performing Arts

View the performance of The Phantom of the Opera in Cobb Great Hall through June 6th.

Tickets: \$70.00 - \$30.00

Box Office: (517) 432-2000 or
1-800-942-7866

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 10am-6pm,
Saturday 12noon-6pm

Lansing Lugnuts Baseball

Lansing's professional baseball team! It's fun at an affordable price!

Tickets & Info: 517-485-4500 or
www.lansinglugnuts.com

Potter Park Zoo

1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Lansing
Info: (517) 483-4222 or
www.potterparkzoo.org

Recreation Facilities on Campus for OotM

IM Circle times are as follows:

Wednesday, May 26th – 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Thursday, May 27th – 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Friday, May 28th – 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Saturday, May 29th – 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

IM West outdoor pool times are as follows:

Wednesday, May 26th – 10:30 am – 6:00 pm
Thursday, May 27th – 10:30 am – 6:00 pm
Friday, May 28th – 10:30 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday, May 29th – 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

A room key from the residence hall must be shown to access the pools. If you are off campus you must go to the Odyssey of the Mind information booth for directions on accessing the facilities. Towels are not provided. Participants must be accompanied by an adult chaperone when using recreational facilities.

WILLARD WIGAN EXHIBIT

Please make time to visit a special WF exhibit of the micro-sculptor Willard Wigan, this year's winner of the Odyssey of the Mind Creativity Award. Willard Wigan's work will be on display at Holden Hall beginning on Wednesday through Saturday.

Willard's work has been described as one of the "Eighth Wonders of the World," and often fits in the eye of a needle. He has spent 40 years mastering the art of sculpting on a microscopic level and this is a must see for the 2010 World Finals!

Wed: noon – 5 pm | Thurs: 9 am – 5 pm | Fri & Sat: 9 am – 5 pm

WEDNESDAY SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

There will be five bus routes during World Finals. All routes will intersect at lot 79 on the south side of Spartan Stadium.

Yellow Route

Connects Kellogg Center and East Lansing Marriott to the Hub.

7AM – midnight

Blue Route

Connects Williams, Yakeley/Gilchrist, Landon, Mayo, Campbell Halls and the IM Sports Circle to the Hub.

8AM – 11PM

Orange Route

Connects Wonders, Case, Wilson and Holden Halls to the Breslin Center and the Hub.

8AM – 11PM

Green Route

Connects Akers, Holmes, McDonel, Shaw Halls to the Hub.

8AM – 11PM

Red Route

Connects the Parking/Commuter Lots to the Hub.

8AM – 11PM

THURSDAY SCHEDULE

Team Registration

Odyssey Information Desk
8AM – noon

World Finals Competition

10AM – 7PM

Creativity Festival

Jenison Fieldhouse
noon – 5PM

NASA E-Theatre Presentations

Homes Hall
1PM, 2:30PM, & 4PM

Alumni Meeting

Jack Breslin Student Center
6:30PM – 7:30PM

Float & Banner Parade

Jack Breslin Student Center
7:30PM – 9PM

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