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THURSDAY SCHEDULE

Team Registration Odyssey Information Desk <i>8AM – noon</i>
World Finals Competition <i>10AM – 7PM</i>
Creativity Festival Jenison Fieldhouse <i>noon – 5PM</i>
NASA E-Theatre Presentations Homes Hall <i>1PM, 2:30PM, & 4PM</i>
Alumni Meeting Jack Breslin Student Center <i>6:30PM – 7:30PM</i>
Float & Banner Parade Jack Breslin Student Center <i>7:30PM – 9PM</i>

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

For World Finals

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

OMER'S world news

Thursday | May 27th, 2010

OPENING CEREMONIES – LET'S GET IT STARTED!

by Brendan Dwyer

Exhilaration was in the air of the Breslin Student Events Center during the Opening Ceremonies of the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals Wednesday night. Participants proudly displayed all kinds of unique hats and specialized gear as a showcase of team pride. Attendees in chicken hats, wizard hats – even hats made from pizza boxes – danced and celebrated as the ceremonies began.

With over 800 teams representing 12 different countries and 34 U.S. states, the crowd was electric and the stage was set for a great night and a week of exciting events. All those in attendance were treated to a parade of participating countries including China, Germany, Poland, Russia, Singapore and the United States of America. Despite the cheers and energy inside the facility, the crowd was hushed when Program Director Sammy Micklus made opening remarks and welcomed everyone to East Lansing and Michigan State University.

"It is truly humbling to be in front of this impressive group. I can tell this is going to be a very special year," said Micklus. "During this competition you'll make friends from all over the world, discuss problem solving, trade pins and share all your impressions of Odyssey of the Mind."

This year's Creativity Award was also presented at the ceremony to Mr. Willard Wigan, an



National patriotism and love of OMER were in full effect as Odyssey of the Mind participants cheered equally for each country and built momentum for a great week of competition.

artist and creative genius recognized the world over. Wigan's truly unique micro-art might fit in the eye of the needle, but his heart is as big as MSU's Campus. "To get this award is truly a great honor," said Wigan. "It seems the smaller my work gets, the bigger my name has become. Thank you!"

A swell of cheers and a standing ovation greeted Odyssey of the Mind founder Dr. Sam Micklus.

"You folks are a beacon of hope in our world," said Dr. Sam. "Your creativity and vision are going to make the future very bright indeed."

The opening ceremonies closed with a light show and a crowd of folks still energized from the evening's events. After a heartfelt rendition of the Odyssey of the Mind pledge, Dr. Sam announced, "Let the games begin!"

CREATIVITY FESTIVAL

Everyone is welcome for this free and interactive event! You can win prizes, participate in NASA activities, have fun with hands-on arts and crafts like decorating an OMER mask (turn in the ticket enclosed in your registration packet at the Creativity Festival and get a FREE OMER mask to decorate and get stamped at each booth), interact with team booths from all over, and visit OMER's Pin collection. Always a great place to trade pins, have some fun and meet new friends!

Plan to visit the Jenison Fieldhouse for the Creativity Festival:

Thursday, May 27th

noon – 5pm

Friday, May 28th

9am – 5pm

Saturday, May 29th

9am – noon

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:

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.

PIN TRADING ETIQUETTE

Trading Odyssey of the Mind pins is a tradition that goes back more than 20 years. Millions of pins have been traded and thousands of friendships have been made during this time. No one ever thought that pin-trading would become as popular and widespread as it is today. Over the years, Odyssey of the Mind has strived to create an environment where people can trade pins without being disruptive to the competition. To keep pin-trading a positive experience for everyone, it is extremely important that participants abide by these rules:

1. Respect others. Not everyone at World Finals trades pins, and there are always teams preparing to compete that should not be distracted.
2. Trade pins in designated pin-trading areas. Do NOT trade pins in any area marked "No Pin Trading."
3. Pin-trading is not allowed at the team entrance or spectator entrance to any performance site. It is not allowed in any stairwells, doorways, or entrances to buildings. It is also not allowed in any area where teams compete or where others gather to watch teams compete.

4. If you are in a designated pin-trading area in a hallway, be sure to allow enough room for people to pass by.
5. If an Odyssey of the Mind or University Official asks you to stop trading pins or to move from an area, you must honor that person's request.
6. Never taunt others by criticizing a trade, any pin someone is trading, or anyone's collection.
7. If you trade in a location where pin-trading is not allowed, or tease others about their pins and trades, your pin collection may be confiscated. If your collection is confiscated, you will be able to pick it up the following morning at the Odyssey of the Mind Information booth. Only Odyssey of the Mind officials, your parents, or your coach may confiscate your pin collection.
8. Do not trade with officials while they are working.
9. Do not pressure anyone into a trade.
10. Please show your Odyssey of the Mind Spirit when trading pins. Do not take advantage of youngsters or first-time traders. If only fair trades are made, the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals experience will be all the better for everyone.

ADVICE FOR FIRST-TIME PIN-TRADERS

1. If you have never traded pins before, observe others before taking part in the process. A pin's value is based on its appearance, the number available at World Finals, and if it is international.
2. The goal of trading pins is to collect the ones you want. Make sure you want the pin you trade for and, once you get it, be happy no matter what anyone else tells you.
3. If someone wants to make a trade with you and tells you that you will be making a great deal, you probably are not being offered an equal trade.
4. Pins are traded up until the time you leave for home.
5. Have something to keep your pin collection in or on. Official pin towels and pin bags are available at the Odyssey of the Mind souvenir centers. Make sure you write your name somewhere on your collection in case you misplace it. If you happen to misplace it, notify an official at the Odyssey of the Mind Information Booth.

Thank you for your cooperation.

NASA E-THEATRE PRESENTATION

Take advantage of one of the many perks of being sponsored by NASA and don't miss the E-Theatre Presentation. See the earth as if you were looking from space and learn many interesting facts from a NASA scientist that's here especially for World Finalists! Here are some highlights:

- Fly from outer space to East Lansing and anywhere on the Planet using data from NASA's high-tech satellites.
- Feel the pulse of our planet! See how vegetation, clouds, and temperatures respond to the sun and seasons.
- See U.S. and international global satellite weather movies, complete with typhoons and tornadoes.
- Witness changes in our earth the way that few get to see!
- Talk with real NASA scientists and ask questions!



All E-Theatre Presentations will take place at Homes Hall. Times are as follows:

Thursday, May 27th
1pm, 2:30pm & 4pm

Friday, May 28th
9am, 11:30am, 1pm, 2:30 pm

Saturday, May 29th
9:30am & 11am

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.

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!

SOUVENIR SALES

Don't leave MSU without your favorite souvenir to remember the great time you had at the 2010 World Finals! WF Pin Towels, a WF Hoodie, WF Hats, WF Pins & WF Slider Pins (pins in the shape of Michigan) and Long Term Problem Wristbands are just a few of the most popular items that will be available.

Souvenir sales will be open at the following times and locations:

International Center Library

Thursday, May 27th
9am – 6pm (tentatively)

Friday, May 28th
9am – 5pm (tentatively)

Holden Hall

Thursday, May 27th
9am – 6pm

Friday, May 28th
9am – 5pm

Saturday, May 29th
9am – 5pm

Jenison Fieldhouse (during the Creativity Festival)

Thursday, May 27th
noon – 5pm

Friday, May 28th
9am – 5pm

Saturday, May 29th
9am – noon

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

TEAMS TAKE OVER MSU CAMPUS

by Suban Nur Cooley

Michigan State University is abuzz with energy and excitement as teams arrive for the 2010 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals. Traipsing about campus in matching colorful shirts, you can spot an OotM team just about everywhere.

Waiting patiently at the bus stop, team members from Owasso, Oklahoma, refuse to give away any of their problem solving strategies for the classic Discovered Treasures problem (a.k.a. Problem 3.) "I've never done anything like this before," says Blake Beasley, 13, with the Owosso team. "I think it's going to be an awesome experience."

On the other hand, a St. John Neumann Catholic School, Division I team from Williamsport, Pennsylvania, are more than happy to share the secret to their Odyssey success, placing them first in both the regional and state competitions. So how did this team solve the Food Court problem? "Cookie is accusing skim milk of being unhealthy," says Amy Southard, a team member. The answer sounds simple, but a little cryptic to someone who isn't an Odyssey competitor. Southard is an eighth grader who has been participating in OotM since the fourth grade, and is now at World Finals with her sister.

In the Holmes Hall cafeteria, The Brentwood Elementary team of Bay Area, California is quick to share its team name ... The Rubber Bandits. They too, are regular World Finals

attendees. "This is the first time my garage has been clear since October," says Rubber Bandits coach, Susan Wallace.

The Rubber Bandits are tackling Problem 1, Nature Trail'R, because according to Cole Zanarini, 11, they're good at mechanics. Zanarini loves to come to Odyssey to see what other teams have come up with, but he also loves the thrill of the competition. Veronica



One of many teams together at MSU to participate in World Finals assembled in matching shirts and hat for a picture.

Wallace, 11, proudly proclaims, "I love to use drills and duct tape." This is evident, as she walks around the cafeteria in a hat made purely out of duct tape.

For 11-year-old Bandit, Cody Rohrbacker, Odyssey is more than just a competition. "The most exciting thing about Odyssey is building stuff, [but also the fact that] you get to hang out with all your friends." While teams are busy building cars and creating ways to solve problems at Odyssey, they're also building relationships.

INFORMATION BOOTHS AVAILABLE ON CAMPUS EXPLORE GREATER LANSING

Visit one of the Lansing Ambassadors at the following locations to learn all there is to see and do in the area. They will have dining information and coupons for the local community as well as a coupon for a City of East Lansing pin created specifically for World Finals. All you need to do is pick up the coupon and visit one of the participating businesses!

International Center

Thursday, May 27th
8am – 6pm
Friday, May 28th
8am – 6pm
Saturday, May 29th
8am – 5pm

Kellogg Center

Thursday, May 27th
8am – 6pm
Friday, May 28th
8am – 6pm
Saturday, May 29th
8am – 6pm

Jenison Field House

Thursday, May 27th
noon – 5pm
Friday, May 28th
9am – 5pm
Saturday, May 29th
9am – 1pm

WILLARD WIGAN EXHIBIT REMINDER

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

FLOAT & BANNER PARADE

You won't want to miss the Annual Odyssey of the Mind World Finals Float & Banner Parade!

This event gives an opportunity to the World Finalists to display the pride they have for their home states or countries with their own creative banners or floats. Spectators will enjoy learning about each entry and the diversity that represents Odyssey of the Mind from around the world. Awards will be given for the top ten most creative floats and banners following the parade. Plan to attend and cheer on your home state or country at this year's Odyssey of the Mind Float & Banner Parade!

Breslin Center
Thursday, May 27th
7:30pm – 9pm

WEATHER FORECAST



Thursday | High of 82
AM Showers



Friday | High of 81
Sunny



Saturday | High of 80
Sunny



Sunday | High of 84
Sunny

With the temperature in the eighties for the rest of this week it is highly advised that everyone stay hydrated with plenty of fluids to avoid heat exhaustion.

DINING HOURS

Wednesday – Saturday

Breakfast

6am – 9am

Lunch

11am – 2pm

Dinner

4:30pm – 7pm

Sunday:

To Go Breakfast

5am – 7am

Dine In Breakfast

7am – 9am

Carry Out available from Holmes, Landon, and Wilson ONLY for Thursday Breakfast – Saturday Lunch

Breakfast

7am – 9am

Lunch

7am – 3pm

THURSDAY 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. All routes are expected to run every 15 – 20 minutes.

Yellow Route

Connects Kellogg Center and East Lansing Marriott to the Hub.
6AM – midnight

Blue Route

Connects Williams, Yakeley/Gilchrist, Landon, Mayo, Campbell Halls and the IM Sports Circle to the Hub.
6AM – 11PM

Orange Route

Connects Wonders, Case, Wilson and Holden Halls to the Breslin Center and the Hub.
6AM – 11PM

Green Route

Connects Akers, Holmes, McDonel, Shaw Halls to the Hub.
6AM – 11PM

Red Route

Connects the Parking/Commuter Lots to the Hub.
6AM – 11PM

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

World Finals Competition

8AM – 7PM

Creativity Festival

Jenison Fieldhouse

9AM – 5PM

NASA E-Theatre Presentations

Homes Hall

9AM, 11:30AM, 1PM, 2:30PM

Graduation/Coaches Comp.

Jack Breslin Student Center

7PM – 9PM

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WHAT TO DO ON CAMPUS

MSU Union - A favorite gathering spot, with fast-food restaurants, billiards, bowling, and the MSU Spirit Shop.

MSU Bookstore - In the International Center, with a wide selection of Spartan paraphernalia and other supplies.

MSU Museum - Exhibits on cultural and natural history, with an emphasis on the Great Lakes region. Its gift shop features unique items from around the world. Admission is free.

Kresge Art Museum - A permanent collection of more than 6,000 works of art spanning several centuries, as well as special exhibitions and traveling shows. Admission is free.

W. J. Beal Botanical Garden - Founded in 1873, the Beal Botanical Garden is the oldest continuously operated garden of its kind in the U.S. It includes over 5,000 species organized in economic, systematic, landscape and ecological groupings. The Garden also features an endangered and threatened plant collection and Michigan native wetland plants. Located west of the Main Library. Admission is free.

MSU Horticulture Gardens – an official All-American Trial Garden test site for annual bedding plants. They have an extensive perennial collection with an annual display and rose collection. Located south of the Plant & Soil Sciences Building. Open April 1-November 1, dawn to dusk. Admission is free.

4H Children's Garden - Designed especially for children, and completely handicap accessible, this delightful garden features a tree house built from twigs and limbs, a garden house, and an amphitheater and themed gardens, such as pizza and Peter Rabbit. Just imagine a garden where plants, children, and imaginations grow! Located south of the Plant & Soil Sciences Building. Open April 1-November 1, dawn to dusk. Admission is free.

MSU Dairy Store - When you visit the Dairy Store, we want to see you leaving with a smile on your face. We are dedicated to making your visit enjoyable and serving our delectable ice cream and other soda fountain favorites. Plan to try OMER Tracks made especially for World Finals! During your visit, we encourage you to visit the observation deck to see the processing facilities. Observe a multimedia presentation on cheese and ice cream production. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays offer the best opportunities for catching our process making some of our products, including our award winning cheeses! Located in Anthony Hall and the MSU Union.

Spartan Lanes Bowling Center - Located in the lower level of the Union, this center features 16 lanes for open play. The center is open to the public. Lane fees are reasonable and shoe rentals are available. This is an air-conditioned and non-smoking environment.