



Housing, Dining & Recreation

Check www.4OMER.umd.edu for more detailed information about housing and dining.

Housing

Your team will be pre-assigned a block of rooms in a residence hall on campus. Please remember to designate roommate preferences when you register with Odyssey of the Mind.

Most of the lodging will be provided in traditional-style buildings, where residence hall rooms open onto a central corridor and where restrooms, shower facilities, and a lounge are located and shared by guests. Bathrooms will be designated male or female. Some accommodations are "suite" style lodging where 4 to 7 persons share a unit which includes bedrooms, one or two bathrooms, and a living room.

Most rooms are double-occupancy with twin beds; although there are a few single, triple, and quad rooms. Some rollaway beds will be used to put three team members in a double room. Each person will be provided towels, pillow and case, bed linens, and a blanket or bedspread.

More than half of our residence halls are not air-conditioned. We will not be able to guarantee air-conditioned lodging in advance. Please plan accordingly.

Individuals are responsible for any loss or damage to the residence halls and furnishings.

Check-In and Check-Out Procedures

When you check in at Odyssey of the Mind registration, you will receive your residence hall assignments and meal cards. You will then proceed to your assigned residence hall's hospitality desk, where you will sign out keys. (Each person will receive one key in a traditional hall and two keys for suites and apartments.) ***Your meal card is also your access card into your residence hall.***

Upon checking out, you will return your keys to your assigned hospitality desk. Check out time is noon so please make your travel plans accordingly. Unreturned keys are billed at \$85 each, so please leave enough time to properly check out.

Supervision and Quiet Hours

Since people have different sleep and competition schedules, we ask that you show consideration and courtesy to fellow residents 24 hours a day. From 10pm each night until 7am each morning, we ask that no noise be heard outside of your room. Participants are expected to comply with University staff and student/coach requests for quiet at any time. Coaches and adult chaperones are responsible for the behavior of their team members and for informing them of these expectations. An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty may be assessed against teams for improper behavior.

Special Access Needs: Call 4.OMER (301.314.OMER)

We do our best to accommodate participants with special needs. In order to be most responsive, we will need information in advance. Please call 4.OMER (301.314.OMER (6637)) to leave a voice mail message or send a note to 4.OMER@umd.edu advising us of anyone who may require special housing and/or transportation accommodations due to mobility, sight, hearing impairments or other special needs.

Since all available campus housing will be assigned in advance for Odyssey participants and para-transit buses must be readied for service, it will be extremely difficult to make accommodations which are not requested in advance of arrival. 4.OMER 24-hour phone line will start operation on March 14 and messages regarding accommodation requests will be returned promptly. Starting Thursday, May 26, noon, 301.314.OMER (6637) will become the Odyssey locator line for emergencies only.

Dining

You will be assigned to a specific dining hall for your meals. All participants will receive a meal card which will be required for entrance to the dining area. If you are planning to leave campus, you may pick up a bag lunch at breakfast for any lunch that is part of your regular meal plan. Please be certain you want a bag lunch, since once you pick up a lunch, your card will be punched and you will not be permitted to enter the dining hall for lunch that day. Supporters accompanying teams that have a meal plan are welcome to pay cash at the dining hall to eat with the team.

For teams that are not on meal plans or supporters that aren't in the mood for a dining hall meal, there are a variety of dining establishments on campus. Check www.4OMER.umd.edu for more information.

Recreation

You will want to take advantage of various recreational opportunities offered on campus, which include swimming, racquetball, volleyball, and basketball. So don't forget to pack appropriate clothing!