



OMER'S World News



Odyssey of the Mind 2012 World Finals • Iowa State University
Tuesday/Wednesday, May 22-23, 2012

Welcome to Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at Iowa State University



Iowa State University brings together students and scholars from around the world to pursue the passion of learning, making it the perfect home to the Odyssey of the Mind 2012 World Finals. During the competition, 815 teams from 33 states and 15 countries will have the chance to experience all that Ames and Iowa State have to offer.

Ames has a population of nearly 59,000 people, including more than 29,000 University students. So, while the University draws world-class academics, big-name performers and tons of fans to athletic events, Ames still has a friendly, small-town feel.

Iowa State students can choose from more than 100 majors and get involved with more than 800 clubs and organizations, all while living on a campus that is designated as a national park and consistently ranked as one of the most beautiful in the nation.

Participants will have many opportunities to explore, show off their creativity and most importantly, make friends during World Finals in Ames, Iowa.

FUN FACTS — ISU AND AMES, IOWA

- Iowa State University was the first-ever land-grant university. The Morrill Act, signed by President Abraham Lincoln in 1862, created these public universities to make education accessible to all people.
- Forbes named Ames the 13th geekiest city in the U.S. in 2011. Ames ranked 15th on The Daily Beast's list of smartest college towns.
- The first computer was invented by an Iowa State professor. In 1939, physics professor John V. Atanasoff and his graduate student, Clifford Berry, began work on the machine they designed to increase the speed and accuracy of scientific calculations. You can see a replica of the first digital electronic computer in Durham Hall.
- Lincoln Way in Ames is part of the original Lincoln Highway, the first road to stretch from coast to coast, from New York City to San Francisco.
- Iowa State is home to the largest collection of public art of any college or university in the nation, with more than 2,000 works of art on campus.

LEGO Wonders at Reiman Gardens

This summer, Reiman Gardens became the first public gardens in the country to display sculptures made out of LEGO bricks. Just south of campus, you can explore 27 sculptures making up 14 displays created from nearly 500,000 LEGO bricks.

The sculptor, Sean Kenny, is one of only 11 LEGO Certified Builders in the world. The exhibit at Reiman Gardens, entitled "Nature Connects," was inspired by the outdoors.

You can see the connection to the Gardens in his work. Check out Kenny's LEGO butterfly (with more than 37,000 bricks) after exploring the 2,500-square-foot Christina Reiman Butterfly Wing and butterfly emergence cases. Also, Reiman Gardens is known as one of the best rose gardens in the country, so Kenny's LEGO rose with more than 41,000 bricks is a perfect fit. The largest sculpture, a mother bison, was made from 45,143 bricks.

With more than 14 acres of flowers, gardens and greenhouses, Reiman Gardens is one of the largest public gardens in the state. Reiman Gardens officially opened in 2005, but Iowa State University has had a horticulture garden since 1914.



This rose by sculptor Sean Kenny, on display at Reiman Gardens, has more than 41,000 LEGO bricks in it.

REIMAN GARDENS

Location: 1407 University Boulevard, just south of Jack Trice Stadium
Hours: Open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily
Admission: Children under 3: free, youth age 4-17: \$4, adults age 18-64: \$8, seniors age 65 and above, \$7; group rates available
More information:
reimangardens.iastate.edu

Opening Ceremonies – Tickets Required

Teams, coaches and anyone with housing packages will have reserved Opening Ceremonies tickets in their registration packets. All others will need to pick up their reserved seating tickets at the Odyssey Information Booth at the Memorial Union on Wednesday, May 23, for Wednesday night's Opening Ceremonies. All seats are reserved, but the tickets are available at no cost to the attendees. Any tickets not claimed by 5:30 p.m. will be made available at the lower west entrance in Hilton Coliseum. Please avoid bringing restricted items with you. See the list for specific items that will not be allowed in Hilton Coliseum.

RESTRICTED ITEMS

All bags, backpacks, weapons, large cases, fanny packs and purses (larger than 10" by 10") are prohibited from the interior of the Hilton Coliseum.

Only those items required for medical, family or childcare needs, or one 20 oz. unopened bottle of water will be allowed per person. All carried items and entrants are subject to search.

Prohibited items must be returned to the owner's vehicle or discarded. Any unlawful items are subject to confiscation and the person in possession of such items is subject to arrest.

Prohibited items include, but are not limited to alcoholic beverages, coolers or containers, food and beverages, pets (with the exception of service animals), strollers, toilet tissue, umbrellas and weapons.

OMER DINING NEWS

Your wristband is good for entry into the dining centers and special events.
 Conversations Dining (Oak-Elm): ..Yellow
 Union Drive Marketplace:Orange
 Scheman Building:Pink
 Memorial Union Food Court:Blue
 Seasons Marketplace:Red

Tuesday, May 22

Breakfast*8-9 a.m. (Seasons only)
 Lunch* 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
 (Seasons only)
 Dinner 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 23 –**Saturday, May 26**

Breakfast 6:30– 9:30 a.m.
 Lunch 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
 Dinner 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 27

Breakfast 6:30-9:30 a.m.
 Lunch** 11:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
 (Seasons only)
 Dinner** 4:30-7:30 p.m.
 (Seasons only)

Monday, May 28

Box Breakfast** 5-9:30 a.m.
 (Seasons only)

* Only for those with a pre-conference package.

** Only for those with a post-conference package.

Box Meals

Box meals are available Thursday, May 24 through Saturday, May 26, for all participants with meal plans who have competition conflicts during the meal.

- Box meals will be provided on a first come, first served basis.
- Meals can be picked up at the entrances to the following dining centers: Conversations Dining in Oak-Elm Hall, Seasons Marketplace in the Maple-Willow-Larch Commons, Union Drive Marketplace in the Union Drive Community Center and the Memorial Union Food Court.
- Pick-up times are from 7–10 a.m.
- Participants are limited to one box meal per day and a group representative with a wristband must pick up their meals.
- The meals will consist of a sandwich, chips, whole fruit, dessert, water and condiments.
- Box meals should be eaten within four hours following pickup to meet food safety guidelines.

SOUVENIRS

ISU water bottles are for sale for \$5 in the dining centers, Hawthorn Market & Cafe, MU Market & Cafe, East Side Market, West Side Market, and South Side Market. ISU towels are also available for \$3. Both are available while supplies last.

Meet Your 2012 Organizing Committee



Back row, left to right: Jared Hohanshelt, Pat Dennis, Les Lawson, Doug Arrowsmith, Jeffrey Miller, Aaron Steffen, Craig Wiebke, Darren Johnson. Middle row, left to right: Karen Larson, Ginger Burrell, Kelly McCool, Norm Hill, Martha Royer, Jennifer Vit, Jerry Stewart, Sally Folger, Allyson Walter, Sandy Larson. Front row, left to right: Haley Cook, Julie Kieffer, Jill Magnuson-Arroyo, Julie Weeks, Ron Leibold, Kenzie Brennan, Laura Helmus, Katie Baumgart.

Welcome to Iowa State University and Ames, Iowa from the local organizing committee of more than 25 individuals who represent the university and the community. This group represents the hundreds of individuals working on behalf of both Ames and Iowa State University to host the 2012 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals.

We have been busy preparing for an exciting 2012 World Finals. We hope you all have lots of fun and enjoy this year's event.

Props Storage and Delivery Information

IF YOU SHIPPED PROPS AHEAD OF TIME:

Props will be at each competition site by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22. During registration, a shipping/receiving clerk will be on hand at the prop information booth at the Scheman Building. On Thursday and Friday, the prop information booth will be located in the Memorial Union. Teams may inquire with the shipping clerk at either location if props are not in the designated storage area. If an oversized prop was shipped and cannot be located in prop storage, contact the prop storage booth to make delivery arrangements.

IF YOU BROUGHT ITEMS WITH YOU AND NEED DELIVERY HELP:

Prop delivery help will be provided to move props from residence halls to the competition sites. Prop pick-ups will be made every hour, beginning on Thursday at 7 a.m. and ending after the 5 p.m. pickup. On Friday, May 25 and Saturday, May 26, the first run will be at 7 a.m. and the last run will be at 1 p.m.

Participants must load and unload their own props. Drivers will inform participants the approximate time they will arrive at the competition sites. Participants must meet the truck, unload their own props, and carry them to the appropriate storage area. If participants do not meet the driver, the prop will remain on the truck, and they will have to meet the



You worked hard on this stuff. Here's how to find it, keep it, and make sure it gets back to you.

driver the next time he/she returns for a drop in that location.

PROP RETURN SHIPMENTS:

You will need to pre-arrange for prepaid or C.O.D. shipment of any materials that you want shipped back to you. Return labels must be picked up in advance at the Prop Information desk. The deadline for material to be picked up for return to Central Stores is noon, Saturday, May 30.

Riders will not be allowed in the rear of any delivery truck. Please note there is a 15-minute parking time limit for designated prop drop-off areas.

Questions? Please call (515) 294-8484 and ask for Norm or Jared.

NASA Partners With Odyssey of the Mind

Since 1999, NASA and Odyssey of the Mind have had a partnership that combines science, problem-solving and creativity.

"Both organizations rely on teamwork, problem solving skills and essentially folks pooling their minds and resources to solve some of the world's toughest problems," said Senior Outreach Specialist Steve Graham.

He believes it's a natural fit because those are exactly the types of skills NASA looks for when hiring new employees.

This year, NASA sponsored problem 2, Weird Science. The problem asks participants to create a performance about scientists who collect samples while showing off a technical representation of a photograph taken by NASA's Earth observatory satellites.

Five NASA employees will be at Iowa State University this week. This is Graham's 12th time in a row attending World Finals, and he said that out of all the events he attends each year, there's always something special about Odyssey of the Mind.

"The kids are so great," he said, "they're so interested."

OTHER WAYS TO CATCH UP WITH NASA DURING WORLD FINALS

Creativity Festival: NASA representatives will have a 40-foot tent with a fun scavenger hunt inside.

E-Theatre: The E-Theatre has stunning, high-definition images in a presentation on the earth and sun.

Master Classroom: Try hands-on activities, like designing and building a model satellite, with guidance from NASA.

Odyssey of the Mind and Iowa State University Partner to Live Green!

Iowa State University welcomes all the students participating in Odyssey of the Mind. As a resident on the campus you are now a part of Iowa State's Live Green! Initiative – a competition to be the greenest campus we can be.

We challenge you to leave as little an impact on the campus as possible by taking some simple steps that will keep Iowa State clean and healthy for future visitors. 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.

Recycle: All competition sites will have the opportunity to recycle rigid cardboard, plastic bottles and aluminum cans. Please look for recycling containers and collection areas and use them often. Simply picking up a stray piece of trash from the ground and placing it in the trash helps to keep the campus looking its best.

Renew: Make sure to leave your prop assembly area and competition site looking like you were never there...leave only footprints. This also includes other places on campus you may visit, such as your living quarters or the surrounding lawns.

Reduce: Whenever you can reduce your ecological footprint... use only the water and electricity and resources that you need. This includes turning off the water while you're brushing your teeth. If you see lights left on, turn them off, if you see a leaky faucet or toilet, please report to your residence hall front desk, and at mealtimes take only the food that you can finish.

Re-model: Be a role model in all of your actions while you are here to help others understand and learn from you how to walk softly on the planet.

Thank you for supporting Iowa State's Live Green! efforts. Good luck in your competitions. We are proud to be a supporter of Odyssey of the Mind.

Ride for Free on CyRide

CyRide, the city's public transit system, will operate a free bus service throughout the competition, connecting the residence halls, central campus and the Iowa State Center. CyRide will also offer free rides throughout Ames for the Odyssey of the Mind participants and coaches wearing their wristbands.

The following routes will be available during World Finals:

■ **A/B Route (Orange)** will run both directions through campus stopping at MacKay (LeBaron) Hall, Design, Union Drive Community Center (UDCC), Memorial Union, Iowa State Center, Maple-Willow-Larch (M-W-L) Residence Halls and Lied Recreation Center.

■ **C Route (Brown)** will run a loop through campus with stops at Towers, Memorial Union, Forker Building and MacKay Hall.

■ **D Route (Cardinal)** will run to Frederiksen Court stopping on the east side of the Hawthorn Café and also making stops at Memorial Union and Hilton Coliseum. From UDCC, you can connect and take any of the A-D routes which will take you to Odyssey locations.

■ **Odyssey Route 1 (Red)** will run from Hilton Garden Inn to central campus in both directions, dropping off at UDCC, the Memorial Union and stopping at Design, Kildee, Lied Recreation Center and Maple-Willow-Larch Residence Halls.



Date	Regular CyRide bus schedule	CyRide hotel route bus schedule
Tuesday, May 22	Noon to 10 p.m.	Noon to 10 p.m.
Wednesday, May 23	6:30 a.m. to midnight	9 a.m. to midnight
Thursday, May 24	6:30 a.m. to midnight	6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Friday, May 25	6:30 a.m. to midnight	6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Saturday, May 26	6:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.	6:30 a.m. to 1 a.m.
Sunday, May 27	6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.	No shuttles to campus

Throughout competition and special events, buses will run approximately every 10 minutes and every 20 minutes at other times.

For a complete list of times, ask for a schedule at your hotel front desk. Hotel shuttles depart from the hotel lobbies to campus. Returns depart from Stephens Auditorium bus stop.

Check Signs for Designated Parking Areas

Teams staying in residence housing on campus will be able to park in assigned areas adjacent to or within easy walking distance of their living areas at no charge.

Those not staying in the residence halls should park at the Iowa State Center, south of the main campus. There is no charge for parking in this

area and a free CyRide bus is provided to central campus. Additional parking, adjacent to central campus is available at the Memorial Union parking ramp – there is an hourly charge and the automated system requires that you pay for your parking before you return to your car. Normal restrictions apply to

fire lanes; spaces marked “handicapped parking” and spaces reserved for service vehicles. Other university lots are assigned to university staff. Please take care to avoid restricted areas.

Please refer to the Odyssey of the Mind map or the CyRide bus route schedule for more information.

WHERE TO GO FOR SUPPLIES

Alpha Copies and Print Center, 2310 Lincoln Way, (515) 292-3121

Campus Bookstore, 2300 Lincoln Way, (515) 292-1616

Copyworks, 105 Welch Avenue, (515) 292-3630

Hobby Lobby, 620 Lincoln Way, (515) 232-3500

Hokel Machine Supply, 224 Duff Avenue, (515) 232-6605

Hy-Vee Drug Store, 500 Main Street, (515) 232-9855

Hy-Vee East, 640 Lincoln Way, (515) 232-1961

Hy-Vee West, 3800 Lincoln Way, (515) 292-5543

Jo-Ann Fabrics, 632 Lincoln Way, (515) 232-1235

Lowe's Home Center, 120 Airport Road, (515) 233-0404

North Grand Mall, 2801 Grand Avenue, (515) 232-3679

Sam's Club, 305 Airport Road, (515) 233-9750

Staples, 1333 Buckeye Road, (515) 663-0597

Target, 320 South Duff Avenue, (515) 663-9500

Union Copy Center, Room 0303 Iowa State Memorial Union, 2229 Lincoln Way (515) 294-0008

University Book Store, Iowa State Memorial Union, 2229 Lincoln Way (515) 294-5684

Wal-Mart Supercenter, 534 South Duff Avenue, (515) 956-3536

Wal-Mart, 3015 Grand Avenue, (515) 233-1345

CANCELLATION STAMPS AVAILABLE

Commemorative Odyssey of the Mind World Finals postcards will be available at the Ames/Iowa State University information desk located in the Memorial Union. There is also a post office available in the Memorial Union where you can purchase mail supplies or mail your commemorative postcard.

To get your special commemorative 2012 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals cancellation stamp, stop by the Ames/Iowa State information desk in the Memorial Union during the following hours:

Tuesday, May 22: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, May 23: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday, May 24: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday, May 25: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 26: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

If you didn't get a stamp, send the postcard(s) or envelope(s)—first class postage must be attached—along with a stamped return envelope to 525 Kellogg Avenue, Ames, IA 50010. Participants may receive cancellation up to 30 days after the 2012 World Finals.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency ONLY (fire, police, ambulance): 911

To make an on-campus call, dial 4 plus the last four digits. To call off-campus dial 8 plus all the digits.

The local area code for Ames is (515).

ISU Police/Public Safety: 294-4428

ISU/Ames Information Center: 294-8205

Odyssey of the Mind Information: 294-8206

Prop Storage Information: 294-3740

ISU's HELPVAN: 294-4444 or 4-4444 (On campus)

Campus Information Center:

294-4357 (294-HELP)

ISU Thielen Student Health Center:

294-5801

Mary Greeley Medical Center

(non-emergency situations): 239-2011

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

8 a.m.-midnight: Team Registration and Housing Check-In, Scheman Building, 2nd Floor

4 p.m.-6 p.m.: Coaches Meetings with Problem Captains, Hilton Coliseum, Stephens Auditorium, Scheman Building and Fisher Theater

***7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.:** Opening Ceremonies, Hilton Coliseum

*Line-up in tunnel area at 6:45 p.m.

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

8 a.m.-noon: Team Registration and Housing Check-In, Scheman Building, 2nd Floor

10 a.m.-6 p.m.: World Finals Competition, various locations

11 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m.: NASA E-Theatre Presentations, Liu Auditorium, Howe Hall

Noon-5 p.m.: Creativity Festival, Lied Recreation Center

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.: Alumni Meeting, Harvest Room, Gateway Center

***7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.:** Float & Banner Parade, Hilton Coliseum

*Line-up in tunnel area at 6:45 p.m.

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THIELEN STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

Phone number: (515) 294-7973 (appointment desk)

Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Thielen Student Health Center is located on the corner of Union Drive and Sheldon (west edge of campus, directly west of Beyer Hall, across the street from State Gym). First-aid and other minor illness care are included in your fees. If incidents require further diagnostic work, a fee will be billed to you or your insurance company. If prescription medications are ordered, they may be filled at the health center pharmacy, if open, or at the local commercial pharmacy of your choice. The pharmacy will bill your pharmacy benefit plan if you provide them with that information.

FIRST NURSE PHONE LINE

First Nurse is a free health-information community service that allows you to speak with a specially trained registered nurse. By

calling the phone line, you can receive health information and expert advice on medical problems. Its services can help you determine whether or not to see a physician or visit the emergency room. Its staff is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and can be reached by phone at (515) 239-6877 or toll-free at (800) 524-6877.

MCFARLAND URGENT CARE CLINIC

This clinic provides care for acute, non-emergent health problems or injuries that require immediate attention. The Urgent Care Clinic is available during evenings and weekends by appointment only. To schedule your same-day appointment, please call (515) 956-4044. The clinic is located in the Family Medicine East location at 1018 Duff Avenue. Hours are weeknights from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and weekends from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

EMERGENCY CARE

Medical care is also available through the emergency room at Mary Greeley Medical

Center, located at Duff Avenue and 12th Street in Ames. In case of an emergency, dial 911. The fees and billing structure are that of a community emergency medical facility.

SECURITY ON CAMPUS

Iowa State University has more than 20 emergency phones and 120 public phones on campus. Telephones are easy to find, well-marked and in well-lit areas. The phone number for campus police is (515) 294-4428. Please call campus police only in case of an emergency.

Have fun and enjoy the campus, but remember to let your team members and coaches know where you are going and when to expect you back. Use the buddy system and make sure that one or more of your team members are always with you. If you brought a cell phone with you, remember to always keep it charged. Please note that smoking is prohibited on campus grounds and in all campus buildings.

Recreation Facilities Offer Many Opportunities to Have Fun

Do you need to work off those pre-competition jitters or just want to have some more fun? Then Iowa State Recreation Services has just the solution for you – loads of recreational activities on campus.

STATE GYM AND POOL

The newly remodeled and expanded State Gym Complex offers opportunities to play basketball, volleyball and badminton. There is also a climbing wall, an indoor 25-person spa and a swimming pool with a three-meter diving platform, lap lanes, areas for water basketball and water volleyball and a television.

MEMORIAL UNION RECREATION CENTER

Memorial Union (MU) Recreation Center, located in the basement of MU, will give you a chance to enjoy some additional entertainment activities. The recreation center has nine pool tables, eight bowling lanes, chess and checker tables, darts, air hockey, foosball games,

and more than 25 arcade games. You can bowl, shoot some pool, or do other activities at the MU during the scheduled time for FREE!

RECREATION FIELDS

If you're in the mood for some fun outdoors, head out to the recreation fields located next to both the Towers Residence Hall and the Maple-Willow-Larch Complex. These fields are made for football, soccer, lacrosse, and many more activities – be creative!

AMES FURMAN AQUATIC CENTER

New in 2010, the Ames Furman Aquatic Center is an outdoor facility that includes a 550-foot lazy river with a cascading waterfall and two water slides. The adjacent 50-meter pool includes a 150-foot drop slide plus one-meter and three-meter diving boards. The aquatic center is accessible via the "aqua" CyRide route, which departs from the State Gym on Thursday through Saturday.

RECREATION HOURS:**Wednesday, May 23**

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. – State Gym

Noon to 5 p.m. – Memorial Union Underground

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. – State Gym Pool

9 p.m. to midnight – Teen Program, Div. 3 & 4, State Gym Pool

Thursday, May 24

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. – State Gym

2 p.m. to 4 p.m. – Ames Furman Aquatic Center

Noon to 5 p.m. – Memorial Union Underground

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. – State Gym Pool

9 p.m. to midnight – Teen Program, Div. 3 & 4, State Gym Pool

Friday, May 25

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. – State Gym

Noon to 5 p.m. – Memorial Union Underground

2 p.m. to 4 p.m. – Ames Furman Aquatic Center

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. – State Gym Pool

9 p.m. to midnight – Teen Program, Div. 3 & 4, State Gym Pool

Saturday, May 26

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – State Gym

Noon to 5 p.m. – Memorial Union Underground

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. – State Gym Pool

1 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Ames Furman Aquatic Center*

*The aquatic center opens to the public, beginning Saturday, May 26. Admission charges for Saturday will be \$5 for ages 3-15 and \$6 for ages 16-61.

QUESTION OF THE DAY:

How many miles have you traveled to get to World Finals?

Answer the question and see other responses at the World Finals Facebook page: www.facebook.com/2012OdysseyoftheMindWorldFinals