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- Olin Health Center**
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- MSU Public Safety**
- Police Department / Parking**
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 (517) 884-6082
- World Finals Information Desk**
 (517) 884-7469
 or (517) 884-7470

BLUE VALLEY ODYSSEY ANGELS

Anyone that wants to visit with the Blue Valley Odyssey Angels and help them make blankets for foster children, visit the OA Creativity Festival booth during the following hours:

Friday: 11 am - noon & 1 - 5 pm
 Saturday: 10 am - noon

FLOAT & BANNER PARADE BY SUBAN NUR COOLEY

Chants of state songs and national anthems roared through the air as OotM participants from across the United States and the globe prepared to march around the Breslin Event Center Arena. The Breslin tunnel was abuzz with excitement as Odyssey of the Mind associations came together waiting patiently to show the rest of the world their local flair at the Annual Odyssey of the Mind Float and Banner Parade.



First team walking onto the arena at the World Finals Float & Banner Parade.

Delaware representatives led their float with chicken hats adorning their heads, while the folks from Maine had mustaches on their shirts. "I mustache you a question," the children joked to one another.

The Michigan team had a camping-themed float. It had paintings on a tent representing some of the best places to camp in the state: Tahquamenon Falls and Sleeping Bear Dunes to name a few. "Camping is a huge favorite pastime in Michigan ... it's something that we've all enjoyed as Michiganders," says Annie Halle with the Thornapple Kellogg team from Middleville, Michigan. "We just have all

these beautiful parks in Michigan and so many beautiful things to see, and wanted everyone in the world know that."

Japan members waved their country's flag up high. They wanted to thank friends throughout the world for their support during the earthquake that devastated parts of their country.

Members of Mexico Odyssey of the Mind painted their faces and wore clown suits. "Our theme is a party," says OotM Mexico team member Eimy Garza. "We are happy and celebrating because we survived the Mayan prediction," she laughed.



OotM team from Mexico celebrating their survival of the Mayan prediction.

The arena was full of interesting floats and costumes ranging from Frankenstein to turtles; all with a story waiting to be discovered behind each theme.

The Float and Banner parade was the place to find the spirit of the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals. Children were laughing and chattering, jesting back and forth about who was going to win. In the end, it didn't matter. They've all learned something just by sharing this moment.

TEAM PHOTOGRAPHY

We are proud to announce that once again, Premier Portraits will be the official team portrait photographer for World Finals. We will be available for team photos during the Creativity Festival and at the Breslin Center. We ask that you have your team pictures taken as early in the week as possible to avoid long lines. Costumes and props are strongly encouraged.

- Breslin Center**
 Friday - 9:30 am - 8:30 pm
 Saturday - 9:30 am - 9:30 pm
- Creativity Festival**
 Friday - 9am - 5pm
 Saturday - 9am - 12pm

FLOAT AND BANNER FINALISTS

Banners:	Floats:
Arkansas	Delaware
Connecticut	Florida
Kansas	Georgia
Maryland	Maine
Missouri	Michigan
North Carolina	New Jersey
Virginia	New York
Wisconsin	Pennsylvania
Hong Kong	India
Japan	Mexico

MIX EXHILARATION AND INNOVATION FOR POTENT TEAM PERFORMANCES BY BRENDAN DWYER

As Odyssey teams from all over the world and across all four divisions dig in and begin to execute their painstakingly planned team performances, tensions and excitement are running high. So much work goes into creative solutions and themes for each of the five problems that when the time comes to perform on the world stage, sweaty palms, big-time nerves and a quickened pulse are not out of the question. Thursday, competing in Division Three for Problem 1, Pet Project, at the Breslin Student



This high-energy team from Sarasota, Florida introduced a carnival theme to their creative solution for Problem #1, Pet Project.

Events Center, a team from Statesboro, Georgia was full of emotion, to say the least. “This is World Finals, so performing is totally nerve-racking but also really exciting,” said outspoken teammate Jake Orvis. “We’ve come a long way to get here, even enduring a broken prop at States which we had to repair, so the pressure is on, but that excitement is what makes it fun!”

Although the team from Statesboro High School is competing at World Finals for the third time, they said butterflies always get stirred up when the time comes for the highly-anticipated team performance. “We’ve all worked on our parts so much, and added creative ideas from everyone on the team into the mix, so doing it just right and scoring well means a lot to all of us,” Orvis continued.

Mind performance good luck charms the Statesboro team shared are more difficult to understand. “I’ve been competing in Odyssey events for years and I always wear these exact pants. I have to,” stated Orvis as his teammates all smiled, laughed and nodded their heads. “But it’s not just wearing these pants; I have to wear them inside out.” So what makes for a highly successful team performance?

Is it grace and dignity like Dr. Sam said at Opening Ceremonies? Is it preparation, perspiration, and wearing your pants inside out? Maybe it’s all of these things, but while there is no perfect formula for success, the critical elements of creativity, exhilaration and innovation are on display all over Michigan State University as awesome team performances take place across campus.

SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

Indian Trails will be operating bus routes throughout the competition connecting the residence halls, problem sites and facilities, parking, recreational facilities and the Breslin Center. There will be two bus routes running on the Michigan State University’s campus for participants during World Finals. Please look for the bus hosts to assist you in finding your way around campus.

Friday, May 24th

Odyssey Bus Route: begins at 5:00 am and runs until 12:30 am

Orange Route (Parking only): begins at 5:00 am and runs until 12:30 am

Saturday, May 25th

Odyssey Bus Route: begins at 5:00 am and runs until 12:30 am

Orange Route (Parking only): begins at 5:00 am and runs until 12:30 am

Sunday, May 26th

Orange Route (Parking only): begins at 3:00 am and runs until 1:00 pm

CREATIVITY FESTIVAL

Everyone is welcome for this free and interactive event! You can win prizes and participate in activities from other associations, 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. Please stop by the Odyssey Angels booth to learn more about the program. Also, visit this year’s winning group Blue Valley Education and make a blanket for foster kids. Always a great place to trade pins, have some fun and meet new friends!

Plan to visit the Jenison Fieldhouse for the Creativity Festival:

Friday, May 24: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday, May 25: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

LANSING TRIVIA!

1. The state capitol of Michigan is at 100 Capitol Ave. in Lansing. Has it always been there?

2. This school has the largest single campus student body of any Michigan university. It is the largest institution of higher learning in the state and one of the largest universities in the country.

3. This architect won a national competition in 1871 to design the state Capitol in Lansing, which launched his career in public architecture. He later designed state capitols for Colorado and Texas. He died in 1909 and is buried in Detroit.

4. The Michigan Walk of Fame in Lansing pays tribute to 12 famous Michiganders with bronze sidewalk plaques listing their names and achievements. Can you guess some of the honored people?

5. The last Oldsmobile rolled off the assembly line in April 2004 in Lansing. Which model was signed under the hood by plant employees and displayed at the nearby R.E. Olds Transportation Museum, which is named for Ransom Eli Olds, founder of Olds Motor Vehicle Co. in 1897?

SOUVENIR STATIONS

Don’t miss out on the 2013 World Finals Souvenirs for sale throughout the event.

Take something home with you to remember your experience as a participant!

SOUVENIR SALES WILL BE OPEN AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES AND LOCATIONS:

International Center Library

Friday, May 24th: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday, May 25th: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Jenison Fieldhouse - Creativity Festival

Friday, May 24th: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday, May 25th: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Dr. Sam will be on site to sign autographs at the Creativity Festival:

Friday, May 24th: 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

CANCELLATION STAMPS

AVAILABLE AT THE MSU UNION POST OFFICE

Get Odyssey of the Mind World Finals cancellation stamps at the MSU Union Post Office, located on the main floor at the welcome center. The Odyssey of the Mind post office station will cancel any postcard or envelope with first class postage attached at the MSU Union location only. The post office will supply stamps and envelopes on site for purchase.

Post Office Hours are:

Monday - Friday: 8 am - 5:30 pm

Saturday: 9 am - 12 pm

WEATHER FORECAST



Friday | High of 61
Mostly Sunny



Saturday | High of 64
Mostly Sunny



Sunday | High of 68
Mostly Sunny

OotM COMPUTER ACCESS

There is one computer lab in each neighborhood that is available for Odyssey use. The login and password are both "visitor". There is no print access. Computer labs are available with 24/7 access to Odyssey of the Mind guests at the following locations:

Akers - 141

Brody - 143

Case - 337

Wireless is available to the Odyssey participants and guests, however, access will vary based on where you are on campus. Please visit <http://techbase.msu.edu/article.asp?id=4254> for all instructions on how to connect to the campus guest network. Wi-Fi is available when you see the MSUnet Guest ID showing as a wireless option in your area.

GRADUATION CEREMONIES

TONIGHT!

AT THE BRESLIN CENTER

Graduation ceremonies start at 7 pm for participants who are missing their graduations at home. Graduates who have signed up to participate should line up at 6:30 pm in the tunnel on the south side of the building. OMER and Dr. Sam will be there to help the graduates celebrate this milestone in the students' lives as they hand out diplomas and take photos. Please come and show your support!

After graduation, the coaches' and officials' competition will begin. They had to design, create, and wear a costume that changes size so that multiple people can wear it at once. The costume will be worn by one team member and then "grow" to fit as many people as possible. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Ties are decided by audience participation, so come out and see what the coaches' and officials' will bring to this year's competition.

2013 BLUE VALLEY ODYSSEY ANGELS

BY SUBAN NUR COOLEY

Odyssey Angels are challenged with one task: to think hyper-local by solving a problem within their own communities. Too often, we are so focused on national and global efforts that we forget about the needs not being met in our own communities. The Odyssey Angels program gives OotM participants a chance to sit back and think about ways to use their problem-solving skills to help and support their own communities.

"We want children to see their potential to make positive change happen not just globally, but in their own neighborhoods," says Cheryl Micklus, Director of Odyssey Angels. "They are our future. They need to be reminded that they can do anything if they put their minds to it ... including making the world a better place by starting at home."

And that's exactly what this year's Odyssey Angels winners, the Blue Valley group, did. In August 2012, they read an article in the Kansas City Star, about Tim and Tammy Spears; a couple with 17 children in their home: two biological, nine adopted and six in foster care. In the article, they mentioned that Kansas City had about 770 children in



the foster care system. Realizing the needs of their own community, the Blue Angels put their heads together to see what they could do. In the end, they decided to start making blankets for the children in the Kansas City foster care system.

"Most of the time foster children are overlooked ... so, we just wanted to help them in some way," says Hannah Thurlby, one of the leaders of the Blue Valley group. "Usually they get hand-me-downs and we really wanted to make something new for them."

The Blue Valley members humbly expressed how they didn't expect to win. Their parents waited until May and surprised them with the congratulatory email from Cheryl informing them that they'd won a trip to WF as Odyssey Angels. Then, they got to work seeking donations for additional materials so fellow participants could take part in their project and make even more foster children happy. It's a well-deserved prize for an ecstatic group of problem-solvers who are doing good in their 'hood!



PLAN YOUR FREE TIME!

The Greater Lansing Convention and Visitor's Bureau is excited that Odyssey is back in town for World Finals! We have a lot of information available around campus to give some ideas about what to do in your free time after your competitions. Please plan to stop by one of the information booths to get a visitor guide, learn more about our FREE mobile app available at m.lansing.org, and for suggestions about what to do to explore Greater Lansing!

International Center @ Odyssey Information

Friday, May 24th: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center

Friday, May 24th: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday, May 25th: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Visitor Center in East Lansing

a free pin is available for participants

Friday, May 24th: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday, May 25th: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday, May 26th: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Team members and adults with residence hall or Odyssey-provided wristbands are able to participate in recreational activities at MSU's IM East building (basketball, racquetball, volleyball). Towels are not provided.

IM East times are as follows:

Friday, May 24th: 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday, May 25th: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

IM West outdoor pool will be available to Odyssey participants as follows:

Friday, May 24th: 10:30 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday, May 25th: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Participants must be accompanied by an adult chaperone when using recreational facilities. Recreational equipment checkout available to Odyssey of the Mind participants from IM East equipment desk. Athletic shoes are required for recreational activity area (gym floor).

CREATIVITY FESTIVAL OFFERS MORE THAN PIN TRADING: MEMORIES & LAUGHTER

BY TIM PADOT

While Odyssey of the Mind can encompass hard work, deep thought and the pressures of competition, the Creativity Festival is a place to let all of that go and to simply have fun.

"I think the Creativity Festival is an excellent opportunity to get the children from around the world together to interact, to pin trade, to get to know each other's cultures and diversity," says Stephanie Anderson, a parent who has brought her child to the OotM World Finals three years running. "And I have a shy child - and she comes out of her shell at World Finals."

Creativity Festival Director for the last decade, Tom Wilkerson says, "Over the next three days, at some time, almost every kid who is on campus comes through this Festival...pin trading is a big, big deal."

The entire court inside Jenison Fieldhouse is reserved for those who are interested in pin trading. Both advanced and novice traders alike display their wares in a makeshift marketplace. Participants from around the world find common bonds as they fill the court and bargain for trades.

Fifteen-year-old Jacob Sadow, a second year participant, was after this year's hottest pin. "I've been trying to get this set, it's Yoda with some light sabers, for pretty much all day today. I found about 100 people who had it, all of whom wanted stuff I had, but that stuff was also stuff that I wanted. So I had to haggle up on my end. It's a lot of back and forth. It definitely helps your negotiation skills."



Encircling the Jenison Fieldhouse court, teams from 19 states and three countries set up carnival-like games. While some may be more challenging or inventive, others are designed to have good old-fashioned fun. However, there is a small competition to see which booths can attract the most visitors and/or be considered the most creative.

The Odyssey Angels Program, a movement just a little more than two years old, attracted a variety of participants eager to help the Blue Valley Odyssey Angels continue their project. In just the first few hours they completed over 40 blankets. They will be donated to foster care programs in Kansas.

"So many OotM participants are lending a hand here at the Creativity Festival, it's just really cool," Director Cheryl Micklus says. "The girls' goal, while they're here at World Finals, is to make 200 blankets."

Whether it's a successful pin-trading negotiation, a fun visit to a memorable booth, good conversation with a new acquaintance, or giving back through the donation of time and talent - the common theme at the Creativity Festival is an entire Fieldhouse filled with laughter and smiles.



TRIVIA ANSWERS:

1. First in Detroit, then in a wooden structure over where Cooley Law School is located.
2. Michigan State University
3. Elijah E. Myers
4. Alero

5. Henry Ford, musician Stevie Wonder and President Gerald R. Ford. Rosa Parks, Jeff Daniels, Ernie Harwell, E. Genevive Gillette, W. K. Kellogg, Fannie Richards, Helen Thomas, Herbert Henry Dow, Thomas Edison.

EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

- 8 am - 7 pmWorld Finals Competition
- 9 am - 5 pm Creativity Festival
Jenison Fieldhouse
- 7 pm - 9 pm Graduation/
Coaches Comp
Breslin Event Center

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

- 8 am - 4 pmWorld Finals Competition
- noon - 4 pm International Festival
Jenison Fieldhouse
- 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm .. Awards Ceremony
Breslin Event Center
- 9:30 pm - 12:30 am Preteen Party
Munn Field - white
- 9:30 pm - 2:30 am Teen Party
Munn Field - green
- 9:30 pm - 1 am..... Coaches
Recovery Party
Kellogg Center

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 6 am - noonHousing Check-out

HEATH SERVICES

The University Physicians Office

Located on the third floor on the Olin Memorial Health Center on East Circle Drive on the north edge of campus
Phone: (517) 884-6546
Hours: Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm

E.W. Sparrow Hospital

Medical care is also available through the emergency department of Sparrow Hospital located at 1215 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.
Phone: (517) 364-1000

Sparrow Urgent Care Center

Okemos Center
 2248 Mt. Hope, Suite 106
 (at Okemos Rd.)
Phone: (517) 381-4001
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