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Dear Odyssey of the Mind Participants,

We at Michigan State University are excited to welcome you to the banks of the Red Cedar for the 2015 Odyssey of the Mind world finals. We are delighted to once again host your group on our beautiful campus.

MSU is known internationally as a major public university with global reach and extraordinary impact. Our 17 degree-granting colleges attract scholars from throughout the world who are interested in combining education and research with practical problem solving. As the nation's first land-grant college, Michigan State University has been advancing knowledge and transforming lives through innovative teaching, research, and outreach for more than 150 years.

As our land-grant heritage progresses and transforms into an institution with world-grant ideals, it is fitting that the world finals for Odyssey of the Mind be held at MSU. Your organization, known for helping students learn to creatively solve problems through teamwork parallels MSU's philosophy and practices. As an institution, MSU encourages and facilitates innovation and imaginative thinking among its faculty, staff, and students to develop solutions for the challenges—large and small—facing society. We have consistently listened to societal needs and then discovered ways to address them. Throughout our history, we have remained connected with and responsive to the diverse communities around us—and, increasingly, to the global community of which we are all a part.



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We hope you enjoy your stay on our campus. We are pleased to welcome young, innovative minds that are working toward the same goals that we champion on a daily basis as an institution of higher education professing the World Grant Ideal. Have fun and best of luck.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lou Anna K. Simon".

Lou Anna K. Simon, Ph.D.
President