

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



Iowa State University has a long history of appreciating the differences that make a community.

For 158 years, the university has been bringing together students and scholars from all over the nation and world to pursue a passion in learning.

The university will host the 37th annual Odyssey of the Mind World Finals May 25 through 28.

To get to the finals, thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and about 14 other countries participated in the program. This year, over 830 teams will compete in the world finals.

Ames has a population of about 61,000, though the majority is university students. In 2015, Iowa State's fall enrollment was just more than 36,000, which is the largest in school history with a 1,269 increase from 2014.

Even though Ames provides students with all the amenities of a larger community, it still has a small town friendly atmosphere.

Fun Facts: ISU and Ames, Iowa

- Students and scholars from all 50 states and more than 100 countries come to Ames, Iowa to attend Iowa State University.
- The first and oldest building on the Iowa State Campus, the Farm House, was completed in 1861.
- The first graduating class had 26 people, only two of which were women, in 1872. This year more than 4,000 students graduated. Today, Iowa State estimated women make up 44 percent of the student body.
- George Washington Carver was Iowa State's first African American student and faculty member. Carver is commonly known for discovering over 300 uses for peanuts.
- Iowa State is home to the world's largest tornado simulator for wind energy research.
- The first computer, the Atanasoff Berry Computer, was invented by an Iowa State Professor from 1937 to 1942. An exhibit about the ABC computer is available at Durham Hall.

Chance to Win a Worldwide Pin Collection and Odyssey Quilt

What would you do for a pin collection featuring pins from around the world? A quilt of Odyssey shirts from every corner of the globe? What if all you had to do was buy a raffle ticket or two?!

Creative Opportunities Unlimited (COU), the non-profit organization that helps fund travel and housing grants to teams (among other great services), will be raffling off two pin collections and a quilt made out of Odyssey shirts this week.

All proceeds from the raffle will go toward scholarships, housing/travel grants, and association development grants to help enrich the Odyssey experience for OMers everywhere.

Sounds great, right?! Here's how you can participate:

WHERE TO BUY TICKETS: Tickets will be sold at all Odyssey souvenirs areas.

TICKET PRICES: Each ticket is **\$1.00**.



WINNERS ANNOUNCED: Before the Awards Ceremony on Saturday night. You must claim your prize at the stage prior to the start of the ceremony.

Visit the website for more information at www.creativeopportunities.org.

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 get reserved tickets for the Opening Ceremonies from the Odyssey of the Mind Information Booth at the Memorial Union on Wednesday by 5:30 p.m. Tickets will then be distributed from the lower west doors of Hilton Coliseum from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All seats are reserved.

Restricted Items

- All bags, backpacks, large cases, fanny packs and purses (larger than 10" by 10") are prohibited from the interior of Hilton Coliseum. Only 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. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to, alcoholic beverages, coolers or containers, food and beverages, pets (with the exception of service animals used by disabled guests), strollers, toilet tissue, umbrellas and weapons.

Get the App!

STAY UP TO DATE ON ALL THAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE ODYSSEY OF THE MIND WORLD FINALS APP!

■ Go to the App Store on your phone or tablet device and search for **OMER's World** or scan the QR code here!



Team Photos

Plan to get your team photo taken during World Finals. All teams photographed will be in the yearbook.

Photos will be taken at the Creativity Festival (Lied Rec Center)

- Thursday: noon to 5 p.m.
- Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m. to noon

Photos will also be taken at Hilton Coliseum

- Wednesday: 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Thursday-Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Team picture prices:

- 5x7 — \$10
- 8x10 — \$18
- Key Chain package — \$20 (includes a 5x7 team photo with two photo key chains)
- Odyssey Yearbook — \$20

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We're glad you're here!



2016 Local Organizing Committee

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 Ames and Iowa State University to host the 2016 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals.

We have been busy preparing for an exciting year and we hope you all have fun and enjoy this year's World Finals!

Prop storage and delivery information

If you shipped props ahead of time:

Props will be delivered to each competition site on Tuesday, May 24, and access will be available beginning on Wednesday. During registration, staff will be on hand at the prop information booth at the Scheman Building at the following times:

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

On Thursday and Friday, the prop information booth will be located in the Memorial Union at the following times:

Thursday, May 26: 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. (In the Memorial Union)

Friday, May 27: 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. (In the Memorial Union)

Teams may inquire with staff 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, inquire with the staff at either of these sites.

If you brought items with you:

Prop delivery help will be provided to move props. 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 driver the next time they return 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. All returns must be processed through the Prop Information desk. All return goods must have a return label attached. ISU will not be responsible for returns left without proper paperwork. **The deadline for material to be picked up for return to Central Stores is noon, Saturday, May 28.**

For further information, please call (515) 294-3740 and ask for shipping and receiving information. 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.

OMER Dining News

Your wristband is good for entry into the dining centers and special events.

CONVERSATIONS DINING (OAK-ELM): Pink

UNION DRIVE MARKETPLACE: Orange

HILTON COLISEUM (LUNCH ONLY): Purple

MEMORIAL UNION FOOD COURT: Blue

SEASONS MARKETPLACE: Red

Tuesday, May 24 – Saturday, May 28

BREAKFAST: 6:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

(Seasons Marketplace: 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.)

LUNCH: 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

(Seasons Marketplace: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 a.m.)

DINNER: 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Access to the all-you-care-to-eat dining facilities are limited to participants wearing wristbands and their guests purchasing meals.

ISU in 3D? And me?

Interested in learning more about the work that goes on inside Iowa State University's Virtual Reality Applications Center? (VRAC)? The VRAC Experience presentation offers participants a chance to learn about the unique research facilities at the Virtual Reality Applications Center and how we use them as research tools. The presentation also explains how 3D virtual reality (VR) works and how graphics technology has evolved over the past decade. Several 3D enabled demonstrations will show how VR is being used to conduct research. 3D enabled applications shown typically include crowd favorites such as navigating The Virtual Universe or exploring the USS Ronald Reagan aircraft carrier. Other applications shown vary and may include applications focusing on medical exploration, industrial design, or military training.

There will be a short question-and-answer session at the end of the presentation.

Space is available on a first come, first serve basis. No advance reservations are available, and **space is limited to 230**, the space available in the auditorium.

Location: Howe Hall, Alliant Energy-Lee Lie Auditorium

Thursday, May 26: 2 - 3 p.m.

Friday, May 27: 2 - 3 p.m.

Max Mansfield Membership Award Recipient

California is this year's winner of the Max Mansfield Award. The award was created by Creative Competitions Inc. in recognition of membership growth. California is the first state to win the Mansfield Award twice.

Lynn Larsen, State Director for California, attributes their success in membership growth to a focus on increasing their presence on social media, supporting the ten state regions in their effort for outreach and program awareness, such as improved regional websites, and holding their state tournament in both the northern and southern parts of the state, alternating each year. A focus for all of the regions is to have consistency and a standard experience across the state = for every participant, is also a key factor.

The importance of growing Odyssey of the Mind's membership? "We regularly hear about participants having their lives changed by participating in Odyssey. It may sound like an exaggeration, but I know it's true based on our twins participating in Odyssey. Kids learn so much more than creativity - they have hands-on experience with budgeting, building, teamwork, problem solving, writing, engineering, leadership, and getting crucial experience performing in front of a group and talking clearly with adults. These are LIFE lessons that positively impact these kids in ways they can't even



California association director Lynn Larsen with her family: Zachary, Hannah, and Paul

imagine. Our twins talked about the impact of their OM experiences in every college and scholarship application essay they wrote", says Lynn.

This award is Creative Competitions Inc.'s way of honoring Max Mansfield's years of service to the program as well as to recognize Odyssey of the Mind associations attempting to do the same

Find CY!

Go on the hunt for Iowa State University's and Ames' favorite mascot, CY! There are 4 CY statues located on ISU's central campus. Can you find them? CyclONE City was founded as a "tour" of life sized CY statues placed throughout the Ames community to raise funds for local charities and ISU scholarship. 29 total themed CY statues can be found around town.

For more information and a map of CyclONE City CY statue locations, visit www.cyclonecityames.com or scan the QR code below!



Astro Cy
PHOTO BY CYCLONE CITY

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 serve competition sites during World Finals:

- A Route (Orange) will run both directions through campus stopping at the Iowa State Center, Maple-Willow-Larch Residence Halls, Lied Recreation Center, MacKay Hall, Coover Hall, Elings/Sukup, Union Drive Community Center, Memorial Union, and Forker Building.
- B Route (Blue) will run both directions through campus stopping at the Iowa State Center, Maple-Willow-Larch Residence Halls, MacKay Hall, Coover Hall, Elings/Sukup, Union Drive Community Center, Memorial Union, and Forker Building.
- C Route (Brown) will run a loop through campus with stops at The Towers, Memorial Union, Forker Building, MacKay Hall, Coover Hall, Elings/Sukup, and Union Drive Community Center.
- D Route (Cardinal) will run to Frederiksen Court stopping to pick up on the east side of the Hawthorn Cafe, and also making stops at MacKay Hall, Coover Hall, Elings/Sukup, Union Drive Community Center.

CyRide buses will be running during the following times:

- Tuesday, May 24: noon to 10 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 25: 6:30 a.m. to midnight
- Thursday, May 26: 6:30 a.m. to midnight
- Friday, May 27: 6:30 a.m. to midnight
- Saturday, May 28: 6:30 a.m. to 1 a.m.
- Sunday, May 29: 2:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (No Hotel Route to campus)

Throughout competition and special events, buses will run approximately every 15 minutes, except for the first and last hour of service when it will run every 20 minutes.

Health and safety services

For a quick and smooth visit to any of these facilities, be sure to have your health form filled out and ready before visiting.

Thielen Student Health Center

- Phone number: (515) 294-5801
- Hours: Tuesday - Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. to 2 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.

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 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at (515) 239-6877 or toll-free at (800) 524-6877.

McFarland After Hours Care Clinic

This clinic provides care for acute, non-emergent health problems or injuries that require immediate attention. The 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 9 a.m. to 5 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.

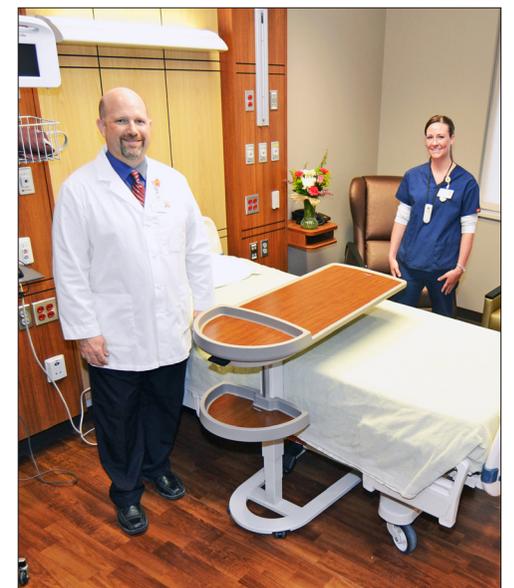


PHOTO BY MARY GREELEY MEDICAL CENTER

Social Media

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/OdysseyHQ • **TWITTER:** @OdysseyHQ • **HASHTAG:** #omerselfie #odysseywf

Important phone numbers for the 2016 World Finals

EMERGENCY ONLY:

(fire, police, ambulance) 911
The local area code for Ames is 515

ISU POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY:
(515) 294-4428

ISU/AMES INFORMATION CENTER:
(515) 294-8205

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND INFORMATION:
(515) 294-8206

PROP STORAGE INFORMATION:
(515) 294-3740

ISU'S HELP VAN: (515) 294-4444 or 4-4444
(from a campus telephone)

CAMPUS INFORMATION CENTER:
(515) 294-4357 (294-HELP)

ISU THIELEN STUDENT HEALTH CENTER:
(515) 294-5801

MCFARLAND AFTER HOURS CARE CLINIC: (515) 956-4044

MARY GREELEY MEDICAL CENTER (NON-EMERGENCY SITUATIONS): (515) 239-2011

Odyssey World Finals Schedule

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

NOON TO MIDNIGHT: Team Registration and Housing Check-In, Scheman Building, 2nd floor
2 P.M. TO 9 P.M.: Souvenir Sales, Scheman Building, 1st floor

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

8 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT: Team Registration and Housing Check-In, Scheman Building, 2nd floor
9 A.M. TO 6 P.M.: Souvenir Sales, Scheman Building, 1st floor

9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.: Souvenir Sales, Memorial Union, Campanile Room
2:45 P.M. TO 5 P.M.: Coaches Meetings w/ IPCs, Stephens Auditorium. Check your program for room numbers

***7:30 P.M. TO 9 P.M.:** Opening Ceremonies, Hilton Coliseum. *Line-up in tunnel area at 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, May 26, 2016

8 A.M. TO NOON: Team Registration and Housing Check-In, Scheman Building, 2nd floor
9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.: Souvenir Sales, Memorial Union, Campanile Room

10 A.M. TO 5 P.M.: World Finals Competition: Various Locations

NOON TO 5 P.M.: Souvenir Sales, Lied Recreation Center

NOON – 5 P.M.: Creativity Festival and NASA Creativity Festival: Lied Recreation Center
9:30 A.M., 11 A.M., 1 P.M., 3 P.M.: NASA E-Theatre, Howe Hall

1 P.M. TO 2:30 P.M.: Dr. Sam's Book Signing, Memorial Union, Campanile Room

***7:30 P.M. – 9 P.M.:** Float and Banner Parade, Hilton Coliseum. *Line-up in tunnel area at 6:45 p.m.

Fun in the sun at Furman Aquatic Center

With easy access via the Aqua Route #8 that leaves from State Gym and within walking distance from Fred-eriksen Court housing, the Aquatic Center, 1635 13th St, features:

- a 550-foot lazy river
- one-meter and three-meter diving boards
- two water slides
- a 50-meter pool that includes a 150-foot drop slide
- concession stand

Don't forget to bring a towel!



Ames Furman Aquatic Center

Angels challenge Odyssey students

The Odyssey Angels program challenges students to use creative problem-solving abilities to help aspects of the community that are commonly overlooked.

Each year a team is selected to attend Odyssey of the Mind World Finals to present what it did to help benefit the community and is recognized at the opening ceremony.

This year's chosen team, Radford University, from Bedford, VA, and its project Awesome Box Costume Squad (ABC), has been selected to present the community service they provided. ABC members made Halloween costumes for kids in wheelchairs out of boxes as they realized that finding the perfect Halloween costume can be a difficult

task for children in wheelchairs. ABC wanted to make this easier for children and their families. Costumes created included two Batmobiles, an Optimus Prime car, and a Little Mermaid costume complete with sea horses. This is the first Division 4 team to be selected to present at World Finals as Odyssey Angels.

ABC's generosity and talents went far beyond the initial Halloween costumes project. A physical therapy clinic asked ABC to create a winter sleigh that could fit over a therapy scooter for children to ride in during their therapy sessions. ABC was then recruited to create decorations for a dance for adults with disabilities.

It's very simple for groups to become part of the Odyssey Angels. All that is needed is a desire to help the community and a member that is affiliated with a current Odyssey of the Mind team.

To learn more about the Odyssey Angels program, visit their booth at the Creativity Festival on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Lied Recreation Center. Eight teams, including ABC, will have their projects and stories on display.

Meet this year's Angels

- Friday, May 27: 11:30 to 2:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 28: 9 to 10 a.m.

Wireless Internet during your visit

Iowa State University Information Technology Services provides guest access so visitors can browse the Internet and check their email, while they are on campus. Please follow these steps to access the Internet.

1. Choose the ISUguest wireless network
2. Open a Web browser.
3. Enter netreg.iastate.edu into the address bar and press Enter if the ISU NetReg page does not automatically appear.
4. Select Odyssey of the Mind World Finals 2016, and select "Register Here."
5. Enter your local contact information and select "Next."
6. Read the terms and select "I Agree."
7. Reboot your computer when instructed to do so (approximately a one-minute wait) to complete your registration process.

Questions may be directed to the IT Services Solution Center at 515.294.4000.

Recreation facilities offer opportunities for fun

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

STATE GYM AND POOL:

The State Gym Complex offers opportunities to play basketball, volleyball and badminton. There also is 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.

AMES FURMAN AQUATIC CENTER:

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.

Recreation hours:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25:

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. State Gym

Noon to 5 p.m. State Gym Pool

Noon to 5 p.m. – Memorial Union CyBowl

1 p.m. to 5 p.m. – State Gym Rock Climbing Wall

9 p.m. to midnight – Teen Program, Division 3 and 4, State Gym, Pool, and Climbing Wall

THURSDAY, MAY 26:

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. – State Gym

Noon to 5 p.m. State Gym Pool

Noon to 5 p.m. – Memorial Union CyBowl

1 p.m. to 5 p.m. – State Gym Rock Climbing Wall

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. – Ames Furman Aquatic Center (don't forget to bring a towel!)

9 p.m. to midnight – Teen Program, Division 3 and 4, State Gym, Pool, and Climbing Wall