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Ames, IA

Odyssey of the Mind 2014 World Finals • Iowa State University

## 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 156 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 35th annual Odyssey of the Mind World Finals May 28 through 31.

To get to the finals, thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and about 15 other countries participated in the program. This year, over 800 teams will compete in the world finals.

Ames has a population of about 59,000, though the majority is university students. In 2013, Iowa State's fall enrollment was just more than 33,000, which is the largest in school history with a 7 percent increase from 2012.

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.

## A Garden Odyssey at Reiman Gardens

This summer Reiman Gardens has decided to go galactic. The theme for 2014, A Garden Odyssey, is inspired by stars, planets, space crafts, extraterrestrials and all kinds of phenomena tied to the cosmos.

Maria Teply, spokeswoman at Reiman Gardens, says the facility is expecting quite a bit of tourist traffic for the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals.

"We included a coupon in the goody bags for reduced admission," said Teply.

Reiman Gardens' mission is to educate, enchant, and inspire an appreciation of plants, butterflies, and the beauty of the natural world.

This year's setup sticks to the mission statement and includes large-scale, nature-inspired sculptures. There are eight sculptures that represent aliens, planets, and other space objects. The eight sculptures are from different artists that were carefully chosen to represent the theme.

"I'm most excited about it being fun and playful. There's something for everyone," said Teply.

The Children's Garden will offer an exploration of the senses featuring different sections that will stimulate scent, sound, taste, touch, and sight. The display is inspired by

the long-time Sci-Fi TV series, Doctor Who.

Reiman Gardens invites visitors to look for the little aliens, decorated by garden, hobby, and other community groups from around the state. No two are alike and the little statues are scattered throughout the garden.

Reiman Gardens offers 17 acres and 26 unique garden areas, including the Christina Reiman Butterfly Wing, which holds one of the most diverse collections of live and exotic butterflies in the country.



Steve Maeck's  
Saturnian

### Reiman Gardens

**LOCATION:** 1407 University Blvd., just south of Jack Trice Stadium.

**HOURS:** 9a.m. to 4:30p.m. daily

**ADMISSION:** Children under 3: free, ages 4-17: \$4, adults age 18-64: \$8, seniors age 65 and above: \$7; group rates available.

**MORE INFORMATION:** reimangardens.com

## 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 until 5:30 p.m. Tickets will then be distributed from the southwest ticket office at Hilton Coliseum from 6 p.m. to 7 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.

## 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  
**HILTON COLISEUM:** Pink  
**MEMORIAL UNION FOOD COURT:** Blue  
**SEASONS MARKETPLACE:** Red

### Tuesday, May 27

**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 28 – Saturday, May 31

**BREAKFAST:** 6:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  
**LUNCH:** 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
**DINNER:** 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

### Box Meals

Box meals are available Thursday, May 29 through Saturday, May 31, for all participants with meal plans who have competition conflicts during the noon meal.

- Box meals will be provided on a first come, first served basis.
- There will be four pick-up locations for the meals.

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.

- Pickup times are from 7 to 10 a.m.
- Participants are limited to one box meal per day and a group representative with a wrist band 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.

## Dr. Sam's book signings

**Dr. Sam will be hosting a book signing at the following times and locations:**

- Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Memorial Union, Campanile Room
- Friday, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Lied Recreation Center, near Souvenirs

## Meet your 2014 organizing committee



**Back row (left to right):** Shawne Ungs, Jenni Ross, Nicholas Britton, Doug Arrowsmith, Andrew Laughlin, Jeffrey Miller, Les Lawson, Tim Folger, Jennifer Vit, Seth Dohrn, Corey Williamson, Aaron Steffen, Katie Baumgarn, Ron Leibold, Julie Kieffer, Norm Hill, Craig Wiebke, Martha Royer, Seann DeMaris, Pat Dennis. **Front Row (left to right):** Kelly McCool, Jody Larson, Michelle Dekker, Allyson Walter, Jill Arroyo, Sally Folger, Megan Main, Traci Carney, Tina Thompson, Julie Weeks

# Prop storage and delivery information

### If you shipped props ahead of time:

Props will be at each competition site by 8 a.m. on Wednesday, May 28. During registration, a 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, May 29 at 7:30 a.m. and ending after the 4 p.m. pickup on Friday, May 30. On May 31, the first run will be at 7:30 a.m. and the last run at noon.

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 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. The deadline for material to be picked up for return to Central Stores is 4 p.m., Friday, May 30.

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

# Welcome!

**W**elcome 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 2014 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals.

We have been busy preparing for an exciting 2014 World Finals.

We hope you all have fun and enjoy this year's World Finals.

## 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

### 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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## Competitors find teamwork in shipping props

This year, a group of teams put their competitive spirit aside to work together to get their props to Ames. Nine teams from the Magic Center Region of Florida made it to the World Finals.

Emily Long, a member of the Princeton Elementary School working on problem five in division one, said the groups worked together and all became buddy teams.

"We looked for ways to support each other in fundraising activities and for ways that we could all save money as a big group in reaching our next Odyssey goal, Ames, Iowa," said Long.

The group decided to rent one large truck for prop transportation and had all of the props moved to Iowa together.

The rental company they chose was a prize in a contest for a free truck rental, Long said.

All of the coaches and parents entered and the group won the prize.

"Well who says you can never win those contests? We did. We won! I think it's karma. Could it mean today a truck, tomorrow Odyssey World Finals?" said Long.



Props are being distributed throughout the Iowa State campus, Thursday, May 22. York High School, of York, Maine, made a prop that represents a comic book stand that sits among the vast amount of boxes of props.

## 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 Coover, Union Drive Community Center (UDCC), Iowa State Center, Maple-Willow-Larch (MWL) Residence Halls and Lied Recreation Center.
- C Route (Brown) will run a loop through campus with stops at Towers, Memorial Union, Forker Building and Kildee 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 the Hilton Garden Inn to central campus in both directions, dropping off at UDCC, the Memorial Union and stopping at Coover, Kildee, Lied Recreation Center and Maple-Willow-Larch Residence Halls.

### CyRide buses will be running during the following times:

- Tuesday, May 27: noon to 10 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 28: 6:30 a.m. to midnight (Odyssey Route 1 only runs until 10 p.m.)
- Thursday, May 29: 6:30 a.m. to midnight (Odyssey Route 1 only runs until 10 p.m.)
- Friday, May 30: 6:30 a.m. to midnight (Odyssey Route 1 only runs until 10 p.m.)
- Saturday, May 31: 6:30 a.m. to 1 a.m.
- Sunday, June 1: 3 a.m. to 1 p.m. (No Odyssey Route 1)

Throughout competition and special events, buses will run approximately every 10 minutes, except for the first and last hour of service when it will run every 20 minutes.

## Odyssey of the Mind, ISU 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 as-

sembly 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.

## 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 the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals to present what they did to help benefit the community and is recognized at the opening ceremonies.

This year's chosen team, Project Connect and Engage from Rockford Mich., has been selected to present the community service they provided. The group found a way to help local senior citizens by visiting a local retirement home and helping the seniors learn how to use modern technology.

This impacted the seniors greatly because now they are able to connect with friends

and family outside of the facility. The idea behind the project was to help the residents interact with close ones often, even if they aren't able to leave the facility.

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.

The program began in the Burton school district in California, where students on an Odyssey of the Mind team combined their creative problem-solving skills with public service. They helped classmates overcome physical disabilities through creative inventions.

They made a mechanical arm to help a fellow student who was born without hands write pain-free, and

they helped a classmate that was quadriplegic fulfill his dreams of being in the marching band by fitting his wheelchair with a special device that helped him play the cymbals with the tap of his fingers.

### Odyssey Angels tentative presentation times

**LOCATION:** Creativity Festival, Lied Recreation Center

- Thursday, May 29: 3:30 to 4 p.m.
- Friday, May 30: 1 to 1:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 31: 11 to 11:30 a.m.

## Important phone numbers for the 2014 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 27, 2014

**NOON TO MIDNIGHT:** Team Registration and Housing Check-In Scheman Building, 2nd floor  
**NOON TO 6 P.M.:** Souvenir Sales Scheman Building, first floor

### Wednesday, May 28, 2014

**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  
**2:45 P.M. TO 3:30 P.M.:** Meeting with Spontaneous Problem Captain, Stephens Auditorium  
**4 P.M. TO 5 P.M.:** Coaches Meetings (Long term problems) Scheman Building, Stephens Auditorium, Fisher Theater. 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 29, 2014

**9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. SOUVENIR SALES:** Scheman Building, 1st floor  
**10 A.M. TO 5 P.M.:** World Finals Competition: Various Locations  
**10:30 A.M. TO NOON:** Dr. Sam Book Signing: Memorial Union Campanile Room  
**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 and Banner Parade: Hilton Coliseum. \*Line-up in tunnel area at 6:45 p.m.

## An Iowa State Adventure



## Health and safety services

### Thielen Student Health Center

- Phone number: (515) 294-5801
- Hours: Tuesday – Friday: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m. to 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.

### 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 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.

## 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. Open a Web browser, enter [netreg.iastate.edu](http://netreg.iastate.edu) into the address bar and press Enter.
2. Select the specific event you are attending (2014 OotM World Finals) and select "Register Here" or select "Guest Registration Here."
3. Enter your local contact information and select "Next."
4. Read the terms and select "I Agree."
5. 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, [solution@iastate.edu](mailto:solution@iastate.edu).

## Recreation facilities offer opportunities for fun

**D**o 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 28:

- 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. State Gym
- Noon to 5 p.m. – Memorial Union Underground
- Noon to 5 p.m. – State Gym Pool and Rock Climbing Wall
- 9 p.m. to midnight – Teen Program, Division 3 and 4, State Gym and Pool

### THURSDAY, MAY 29:

- 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. – State Gym
- 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. – Ames Furman Aquatic Center
- Noon to 5 p.m. – Memorial Union Underground
- Noon to 5 p.m. – State Gym Pool and Rock Climbing Wall
- 9 p.m. to midnight – Teen Program, Division 3 and 4, State Gym and Pool