Why Creative Problem Solving?  
If you are excelling in innovative thinking about creative solutions to everyday problems, are you thinking about the future of the world? If so, you are a creative problem solver! Creative problem solving can be defined as the ability to analyze a complex situation and come up with a unique solution. It is a skill that can be learned and strengthened. Creative problem solving can be applied to any area of life, not just science or math. It can be used in creative writing, art, music, and even in everyday life. Creative problem solving involves using critical thinking, logic, and creativity to find solutions to problems. It is a process that involves identifying the problem, generating possible solutions, evaluating the solutions, and choosing the best one. Creative problem solving is a process that can be learned and improved upon. It is a skill that can be used in any field and in any situation. Creative problem solving is a skill that can be learned and strengthened. 

Why Odyssey of the Mind?  
Odysey problems have challenged students to design mechanical dinosaurs, invent new factory machinery, build working vehicles, write a new chapter to Moby Dick, put a twist on classic artwork, turn Pandora’s Box into a videogame, and much more. Since 1976, Odyssey of the Mind problems have challenged students beyond conventional thinking and incorporate creativity in education. Many companies have recognized the powerful lessons Odyssey of the Mind teaches students. IBM, Microsoft, and NASA are just a few that have worked with and sponsored Odyssey of the Mind over the years. From the start, Odyssey recognized the importance of many of the skills highlighted in education today. From the beginning, we have emphasized and rewarded Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. We also recognize the importance of studying history and art and have encouraged this through our Clever Problems and the drama and music components emphasized in our performance problems. 
In Odyssey of the Mind solutions require students to perform, not just the sciences, but they all incorporate the arts as well. Whether it be set building, costume-making, creating props, acting, staging, or playing an instrument, these skills are important to create a balanced education in any time period. They also make learning fun and bring together kids with different interests that often live in cultures much different from their own. 

Beyond the Box  
Future thinking teachers teach students to use all of their knowledge and learning as a springboard for future solutions using their curiosity, originality, and knowledge. They then connect these ideas into original solutions. 

...And Beyond!  
Odysey’s generous appeal has continued through the years. As former participants become leaders in their fields, they realize Odyssey’s impact, and in turn, encourage their children to participate in the program. This is why the Odyssey program is successful. While Odyssey has been developing unique open-ended problems for over 35 years that teach people to be creative, Odyssey now works with experts in the outdoor field to ensure the success of the future generation of innovators. Beyond the Box thinking teaches students to use all of their knowledge and learning as a springboard for future solutions using their curiosity, originality, and knowledge. They then connect these ideas into original solutions. 

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Creative problem solving known as no age, no class level, nor a grade. It is a natural skill that can and should be nurtured and strengthened.