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twitter.com/#odysselfie
www.odysseyofthemind.com

OMER STAMP

USPS will be onsite at the International Center with the customized World Finals cancellation stamp for 2019! Please stop by to pick up your postcard and send a note home with a piece of the 2019 event. Stamps will be for sale near the Odyssey Information table on Thursday and Friday from 9am-1pm. Cancellation stamp will be available at the East Lansing post office (1140 Abbot Rd, East Lansing, MI 48823) after that until 7pm on weekdays and 9am-3pm on Saturday.

The Breslin Center was packed last night with enough energy and creativity to power a whole city. Good luck to all those participating in this year's World Finals competition!

OPENING CEREMONIES FILLED WITH ENTHUSIASM & ELECTRICITY BY BRENDAN DWYER

of the Mind was all about, all they need to do is attend the World Finals Opening Ceremonies. Electric enthusiasm, creativity, camaraderie and passion for new challenges and experiences are literally everywhere you look.

Last night the Breslin Center proudly hosted 894 teams from 14 different countries and 32 U.S. states, all doing their best to look as creative on the outside as they are on the inside. From hats that looked like pink flamingos, to crunchy tacos to squids, to team t-shirts of every color and style the arena was bursting at the seams with raw energy. The high-spirited event was the ideal kick-off to this wonderful week of celebrating amazing young minds and world-class competition.

After an emotion-charged parade of participating countries and states the crowd stood stoic for the playing of national anthems from all the countries. Program Director Sammy Micklus then took the stage to a roar of cheers. Micklus shared that OotM is what it is today because of volunteerism, and that is perfectly exemplified in this year's Spirit Award winner, Dennis Godfrey. He then went through this year's mind-boggling problems, recognized the 2019 Odyssey Angels and

SOUVENIR STATIONS

Don't miss out on the 2019 World Finals Souvenirs for sale throughout the event. A few items that are sure to be a hit in 2019 are the official 2019 Spinner Pins, Pin Towels, Hats, Light-Up Bracelets and new for this year - hand spinners or sports bottles. But the big hit this year should be our brand new pin collection tote for those devoted pin collectors. Take something home with you to remember your experience as a participant!

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

International Center Library
Thursday, May 23: 9:00am-5:00pm
Friday, May 24: 9:00am-5:00pm
Saturday, May 25: 9:00am-5:00pm
IM East - Creativity Festival

Thursday, May 23: 12:00pm-5:00pm
Friday, May 24: 9:00am-5:00pm
Saturday, May 25: 9:00am-4:00pm
Creativity Festival: 9:00am-12:00pm
International Festival: 11:00am-4:00pm

presented awards.

"This is the largest World Finals in the history of Odyssey of the Mind," said Micklus. "While you're here, be focused on your competition, but most importantly, make some new friends!"

East Lansing, MI

Next to address the crowd was Odyssey of the Mind Founder Dr. Sam Micklus who shared some great stories from some of the early team challenge problems he created and the creative elements that were the very beginnings of the Odyssey of the Mind program. Dr Sam brought his Grandson on the stage when he was done and handed him the microphone to lead the Odyssey Pledge and declare the games officially under way!

The Opening Ceremonies closed with a wild electric light show as thousands in attendance, buzzing with enthusiasm, gathered close with teammates and coaches, soaking up the energy, hoping to channel it all for this week's competition.

TEAM PHOTOGRAPHY

We are proud to announce that once again, Premier Portraits will be the official team portrait photographer for the 2019 World Finals. We will be available for team photos during the Creativity Festival at IM East, the Breslin Center during the day and evening events. 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

Wednesday, May 22: 4:00pm-9:00pm Thursday, May 23: 9:30pm-8:30pm Friday, May 24: 9:30pm-9:00pm Saturday, May 25: 9:30pm-10:00pm CREATIVITY FESTIVAL @ IM EAST Thursday, May 23: 12:00pm-5:00pm Friday, May 24: 9:00am-5:00pm Saturday, May 25: 9:00am-12:00pm

Prices are \$10 for each 5x7 and \$18 for each 8x10. Also available are key chain packages for \$20.00 and photo travel mugs for \$20.00. Each team photographed will receive a free 5x7 photo for their school. There is only one free 5x7 per photo taken; if two teams are photographed together you only receive one 5x7.

Appear in the 2019 Odyssey Yearbook. Come and have your picture taken at any of the above locations to make sure your team will appear in yearbook.

V LO GDANSK POLAND IS READY TO ROAR AT WORLD FINALS! BY AMANDA VASAS

Finals first-time World **A**competitors, team ROAR Theatre from V Lo Gdansk Poland is bringing exceptional creativity to the performance arena. Coached by Dorota Drewinska-Bandzmer, the team's six members include: Filip Bobras (age 16), Maja Dybuk (age 16), Natalia Idziak (age 17), Julia Rybnik (age 16), Jan Sachse (age 18) and Maciei Sachse (age 16).

"We would like to fight on! Long days spent at school, hours of hard work building scenography are extremely proud to represent our country, city and school at World Finals," said Drewinska-Bandzmer.

With raw talent and the prestigious Ranatra Fusca Creativity Award in tow, the ROAR Theatre team members are well-prepared to face the judges thanks in part to the support of new friends from Jenks, Oklahoma. With six members ages 15 to 17, this is Jenks High School's second year being paired as a buddy team with an iteration of the V Lo Gdansk Poland team under the leadership of Drewinska-Bandzmer.

"Our first team was China, then Germany, and Poland ever since. We had a couple of other teams before the one we have now and it's always a great experience," said Melissa Rickman, Jenks High School coach and buddy team veteran.

Like the many others from teams across the games."



creating costumes were worth it! We Left to right: Filip Bobras, Maja Dybuk, Natalia Idziak, Julia Rybnik, Jan Sachse and Maciej Sachse

U.S., buddy teams like Jenks High School are ready to help with anything their international teams may need - from taking them to stores to pick up last-minute supplies to transporting huge props to performance sites (something Jenks helped their Polish friends with at World Finals last year).

From their first meeting at registration or the residence halls, World Finals is the perfect place for the teams to become fast friends: sharing dinners, exploring campus and even cheering each other on during their performances. As Rickman has seen in her 10 years buddying with international teams, the bonds formed last well beyond the final WF awards are given.

"The teams usually spend the last night staying up all night talking and playing

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 three bus routes running on MSU campus for participants during World Finals. Please look for the bus hosts to assist you in finding your way around campus. All routes will meet at the transfer station located at the MSU Auditorium. The Green Bus Route will go through south campus and get you to the residence halls and problem sites. The Red Bus Route will go through north campus and get you to the Breslin Center, residence halls and problem sites. The Blue Bus Route will go through east campus and get you to the residence halls and problem sites. Parking Bus Route will service public lots and drop on campus at the Akers/Conrad bus stop only.

Scheduled Shuttle Hours:

& end 12:30am

Thursday, May 23rd: Green/Red/Blue Bus

Routes: begin 6:00am & end 12:30am Parking Route (MSU Bus): begin 7:00am & end 12:30am

Friday, May 24th: Green/Red/Blue Bus Routes: begin 6:00am & end 12:30am Parking Route (MSU Bus): begin 6:00am

Saturday, May 25th: Green/Red/Blue Bus Routes: begin 6:00am & end 12:30am Parking Route (MSU Bus): begin 6:00am & end 12:30am

Sunday, May 26th: Parking Route (MSU Bus): begin 5:00am & end 1:00pm

BARRINGER ACADEMIC CENTER TEAM, CHARLOTTE, NC BY AMY PIPER

or the Barringer Academic Center team of Charlotte, North Carolina, the journey to World Finals was fraught with challenges. After winning their region, this team of fourth and fifth graders had a quick three weeks to take their performance to the next level and be ready for the State competition. They had to re-do their script, improve props, and finally they didn't have enough time to practice.

Their State performance space was smaller than their practice space, and they had to redo actions.

Two years ago, they missed going to WF because they found spontaneous to be a big challenge. The entire team was afraid of spontaneous. This year it was that score at the State competition that saved them. Lukas Samra recommends, "Stay sounding cheerful and don't lose hope."

The moment the team realized they would be coming to WF, Varsha Rajesh said, "I was so excited during the State competition and started crying joyful tears." Varshini Suresh also cried. "Our spontaneous score was higher, dance steps where Shwetanshu Chakraborthy before competing."

and that pulled us up," she explained.

Sundaram's advice Tarun is always to have a Plan B. He suggests, "Always have another person work on Plan B, so if everything goes wrong with Plan A, you still have a plan."

The team flew to WF. Shrika Chatta said, "We were nervous because it was the first time going to the airport without our parents." Adding to the nerves is that their equipment is coming by truck and not arriving until the day before they compete. They will only have a half a day to be sure their props are ready. That adds to the uncertainty for WF.

To prepare for spontaneous, Shrika Chatta, Nandana Marpadaga, Varsha Rajesh, and Varshini Suresh worked together to create a team song. Then they choreographed a set of



Left to right: Shwetanshu Chakraborthy, Lukas Samra, Shrika Chatta, Tarun Sundaram, Nandana Marpadaga, Varsha Rajesh, Varshini Suresh

accompanied them on keyboard. Their coach, Sam Sundaram, says, "The entire team uses the team song to activate their minds, especially in the early morning, to get focused, and help settle their nerves

STUDENT EVENTS CENTER

PERMITTED ITEMS

- Binoculars (no cases)
- Cell phones and pagers
- Small cameras (no cases)
- Strollers—Please check it at Guest Services (section 117) or with a platform attendant
- Seat cushions (no pockets, pouches, zippers)
- Compact umbrellas (no large umbrellas, no metal
- Medical needs items will be searched and tagged by a MSU police officer (must be in a clear gallon plastic bag)

PROHIBITED ITEMS

We are not able to store any of these items. For the safety and enjoyment of all our fans, please leave prohibited items at home or in your vehicle.

- Purses or bags of any size
- Weapons (including pocket knives of any size)
- Containers (including aerosol cans)
- Flagpoles, Balloons
- Laser pointers
- Noise makers
- All beverages (including bottled water)
- All food
- Coolers, thermoses, cups, bottles, cans, flasks
- Camcorders, tripods, selfie-sticks, cases
- Projectiles & other potentially dangerous objects
- All animals (except service animals older than 1 vear)
- Use of tobacco products

WEATHER FORECAST



Thursday: High of 74°F Showers Likely then Sunny and Breezy



Friday: High of 70°F Partly Sunny



Saturday: High of 79°F Showers Likely



Sunday: High of 74°F Sunny

WORLD FINALS APP

Get the FREE World Finals APP!

Get all the information you need: maps, a list of events, the competition schedule, and more. Create a customized schedule, connect with new friends, and be the first to receive any updates during the event. Search OMER's World or follow links on the OotM website to go directly to Google Play or iTunes. https://www.odysseyofthemind. com/world-finals-app/

OotM COMPUTER ACCESS

There are two computer labs on campus available for Odyssey use. The login is "browse" and password is "Odyssey2019". There is no print access. Computer labs are available to Odyssey of the Mind guests Tuesday, May 21 through Saturday, May 25 from 7am-10pm at the following locations:

Akers - 141, Brody - 143

Wireless is available to the Odyssey participants and guests however access will vary based on where you are on campus. Please visit https://tech.msu. edu/visitors/ 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.

DINING HALL HOURS

Thursday through Saturday

Breakfast: 6:30am-9:00am Lunch: 11:00am-2:00pm Dinner: 4:30pm-7:00pm

NOTICE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

Please be aware that AT NO TIME IS IT SAFE, ALLOWED OR TOLERATED to climb into any dumpster for any reason on the campus of Michigan State

University. Violating this rule could result in being removed from the event and/or putting yourself or others in great danger! Thank you.



The Michigan State University Police campus Department encourages the community, which includes faculty, staff, students and visitors to take an active role in preventing and reporting incidents that jeopardize safety on and around campus.

Residence hall rooms feature hard-wired smoke detectors and fire-rated room and wing doors. Residents regularly participate in fire drills. Night receptionists are in place to see that only building residents, or a guest that a resident signs in and takes responsibility for, are allowed in the building after hours. All room doors have peepholes and every residence hall lobby has security cameras.

University facilities are well maintained and their security is given regular attention. The "Green Light" Emergency Telephone System follows major walkways and are placed in campus parking areas. These phones, topped with a green light, are for emergency calls to on-campus numbers.

Here are some campus safety tips to keep in mind:

- Walk confidently and assertively. Walk with others when possible.
- Be aware of our surroundings and others who might be there. If you think you're being followed, turn around confidently and check.
- Walk in well-lit areas if possible.
- All walkers should be aware of open buildings and businesses along their routes.
- Vary any regular walking routes to discourage predictability.
- Realize that listening to headphones while walking decreases your awareness of your surroundings.

CALLING ALL ODYSSEY ALUMNI: JOIN "ODYSSEYALUMNI" TODAY BY AMANDA VASAS

With 40 years of history, Odyssey of the Mind has amassed an impressive number of former competitors, judges and coaches, and there's a special way for everyone to connect.

OdysseyAlumni the Mind alumni group. database

people worldwide to join Odyssey's official alumni group. of-the-mind/about/. for educational, career, social and travel connections. The group is especially helpful LinkedIn profiles. for regional and association directors looking to recruit alumni judges. It's also a great way for alumni to come together for organized meetups.

Membership is free and registration is easy. Simply create a login, and update your personal profile with links to organizations in which you're active. The database allows members to see and search for other alumni in those organizations. OdysseyAlumni has grown 30 percent, to over 1,300 members, since its launch in 2017.

The group is now led by Michael Bojanski, North Carolina OotM alumnus. After competing eight years, he stayed involved in college: judging, leading Spontaneous workshops, and creating a Wiki for North Carolina Eastern Region coaches and competitors to find useful information related to the OotM competition process. He also became a member of his local regional board. In 2015, Bojanski moved to Florida, where he helped with regional and state boards. He now lives in Arlington, Virginia, where he continues to judge.

In 2018, Bojanski joined veteran Odyssey alumnus and group founder, Jim Mourey, on the Creative Opportunities Unlimited Board to help build alumni engagement via the database platform they launched together when WF last came to East Lansing.



the official Odyssey of Michael Bojanski, leader of OdysseyAlumni and WF allows Spontaneous judge, wants YOU to

"l'm about passionate developing the next generation of problem-solvers," said Bojanski. "I strongly believe Odyssey of the Mind's alumni play a massive role in continuing to grow the organization and spread its impact."

In addition to the official group, Odvssev of the Mind now has an official LinkedIn: http://www. linkedin.com/company/odyssey-Bojanski

join, volunteer, explore and meet alumni encourages alumni to connect, and list their competition and volunteer history in their own

> For more information and to join OdysseyAlumni, visit www.odysseyalumni. org and click "Join Today!" For questions, suggestions and to share your stories, email contact@odysseyalumni.org.

OFFICIAL PIN TRADING **LOCATIONS**

- The tent behind the International Center in People's Park
- Creativity Festival at IM East
- MSU Union First Floor Lounge

PLAN YOUR FREE TIME

The Greater Lansing Convention and Visitor's Bureau is excited that Odyssey is back in town for World Finals 2019 - the 40th Anniversary! We have a lot of information available around campus to help plan what to do in your free time after you've competed. Please plan to stop by one of the information booths to get a visitor guide, dining recommendations, and some suggestions about what to do to explore Greater Lansing!

International Center @ Odyssey Information Thursday: 8am-6pm Friday: 9am-6pm **Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center**

Thursday: 8am-5pm Friday: 8am-5pm **Visitor Center in East Lansing**

Thursday: 10am-6pm Friday: 10am-6pm Saturday: 10am-6pm Sunday: 11am-3pm

Carry your backpack or other belongings close to your body and secured over one shoulder and under one arm.

Lock your room door when sleeping, and lock your door when leaving a roommate asleep inside.

Do not prop open locked residence hall doors.

- Require identification and authorization from maintenance staff requesting access to your room for any reason.
- Report all doors, locks, and windows in need of repair to residence hall staff.
- Be aware of people loitering or checking doors in your hall. Note their description and call university police.
- Do not respond to e-mail, chat comments, or any messages that are hostile, inappropriate or that make you feel uncomfortable. Immediately log off and report any threats to law enforcement and save offending messages.
- Remember to keep your personal computers, cell phones, wallets or purses with you at all times when visiting about campus.
- Campus safety is everyone's concern, but ultimate responsibility is YOURS!

Halls are equipped with fire alarm systems, firerated doors and hard-wired smoke detectors. All halls have monthly drills and are inspected annually. East Lansing Fire Department is responsible for the suppression of fires on campus and the fire department has a station on campus.

Door Access

All residence halls are equipped with electronic building access technology restricting access to the exterior doors, living wings and elevators. Living wings in residence halls are locked 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A valid MSU ID card is required

to gain access to living wings and to activate elevators within the residence halls. All guests must be escorted by a resident for the duration of their stay.

Personal Safety

Residence hall rooms are equipped with viewers (peepholes) and students are encouraged to keep their room door locked at all times. Public residence halls are locked at midnight and residents will need their MSU ID card to access the building. All guests must be escorted by a resident for the duration of their stay. After midnight, all guests must also be registered with the night receptionist and entry is restricted to front doors only.

Emergency Notification System

MSU has an emergency notification system in place and emergency text messaging to subscribing MSU community members. Visitors and guests are able to receive MSU Alerts by subscribing to the MSU Police Department Nixle Channel. Text "MSUALERT" to 888777, message and data rates may apply. For more information, please visit ALERT.MSU.EDU.

Reverse 911 System

In halls with telephone land lines, MSU uses this system to disseminate emergency instructions, as well as to contact students with emergency information. Voicemail must be activated for the system to work.

Emergency Green Phones

Residence halls without landline room phones have emergency room phones installed on every floor. This will allow anyone with a safety risk or concern to quickly get to a phone with one button emergency capability, greatly increasing emergency response time.

For additional information, visit www.police.msu.edu.

THE BRONZE SPARTY

s you enjoy your Odyssey of the Mind North Neighborhood at MSU, one iconic landmark you need to visit is the MSU Union.

The heart of MSU's campus and its school spirit, the Union is located just north of the Beaumont Tower alongside Grand River Avenue. The Union has plenty of space to study or catch up with friends, a food court, a Spartan Spirit shop, and the MSU Dairy Store - perhaps most exciting, however, is that the MSU Union is home to MSU's beloved mascot. Sparty.

Although the exact location of his living quarters is only known by Sparty himself, he has adopted the MSU Union in its entirety as his home base on MSU's campus. For this reason, the MSU Bronze Sparty statue, sculpted by artist Alison Brown, was unveiled in the Union on October 12, 2016.

Located in the main lobby of the MSU Union, this powerful representation of Spartan spirit lounges on a park bench, strong arms outstretched, inviting MSU alumni, students, and guests to sit next to him. This perfect photo opportunity is an

MICHIGAN FAVORITES

Cince you're in the Middle of the Mitten state, why not hear from real Michiganians about the best things so see, do, taste and explore! We sent out a survey and the responses were great! When you're done with competition, explore the rest of the Great Lakes State. Here is what other Michigan OMERs wouldn't want you to miss out on their favorites...

Favorite place to visit in Michigan?

- Lake Michigan Beaches & Coastal Cities
- Mackinac Island
- The Upper Peninsula: Marquette, Tahquamenon Falls, Kitch-iti-kipi
- Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore

PARKING

Whether you are competing in or supporting the Odyssey of the Mind 2019 World Finals, parking is the first thing you'll do when you arrive at MSU. It is encouraged that you use the parking information below to help make your visit go smoothly. Keep in mind that parking is shared by the campus community. Factoring extra time into your plan is suggested.

COMPLIMENTARY PARKING

Teams: Lots 16/Ramp 7, 83, 89 and 91 have been designated for your use and will be complimentary May 20-27.

Volunteers/Spectators: Lots 16/Ramp 7, 83, 89 and 91 have been designated for your use and will be complimentary May 20-27.

DISABILITY PARKING

Those who present their valid disability placard or plate at the MSU Parking Office between 7:30am-4:45pm, Mon-Fri, may purchase employee space privileges in ungated employee lots (near residence halls and some buildings on campus). The person to whom the placard or plate is issued must be present at the Parking Office to purchase the permit.

LOADING/UNLOADING

When loading/unloading you may use a signed loading zone at buildings for a maximum of 10 minutes or you may park at a meter and pay the meter fee.



excellent way to commemorate your time spent at MSU.

Getting a picture with Sparty is tradition at MSU. As Sparty is always very busy spreading Spartan spirit, you may miss him during your time on campus. However, the bronze monument embodies Spartan spirit in the iconic MSU Union where students have been building community on campus for decades. While you're at MSU, stop by, get an MSU Dairy Store ice cream cone, and take an unforgettable picture next to the best mascot in the country.

Don't miss these on a summer day!

- The Water: Swimming, Boating
- Lake Michigan Beaches
- Explore the trails with a hike
- Hang out by a campfire
- Camping with family & friends

Native Michigan Foods not to miss!

- Michigan Fruit: Strawberries Cherries, Blueberries, Apples
- MSU Dairy Store & Hudsonville Ice Cream
- Pasties & Fudge
- Vernors Ginger Ale & Faygo

RECREATION FACILITIES

Team members and adults staying on campus are able to participate in recreational activities at MSU's IM Circle building (basketball, swimming pool). A room key from the residence hall must be shown to access the pool at IM Circle. Towels are not provided.

IM Circle Basketball Gym & Indoor Pool:

Thursday-Friday: 10:00am-2:00pm Saturday: 11:00am-2:00pm

MSU Union bowling (division 3 & 4):

Thursday: 9:00pm-11:00pm Friday: 9:00pm-11:00pm

- 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).

EVENT SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

8am-noon Team Registration International Center

10am-7pm . . . World Finals Competition See LT schedule

noon-5pmCreativity Festival

7:30pm-9pm.... Float & Banner Parade **Breslin Center**

FRIDAY

8am-7pm.... World Finals Competition See LT schedule

9am-5pm......Creativity Festival IM East

7pm-9pm...Graduation/Coaches Comp **Breslin Center**

SATURDAY

8am-4pm.... World Finals Competition See LT schedule

9am-noon Creativity Festival IM East

11am-4pm International Festival

7:00am-9:30pm Awards Ceremony **Breslin Center**

9:30pm-12:30amPre-teen Party Cherry Lane Park (white)

9:30pm-12:30am Teen Party Cherry Lane Park (green)

9:30pm-1am . . Coaches Recovery Party Kellogg Center, Big 10

HEALTH SERVICES

The University Physicians Office Phone: (517) 884-6546

Located on the third floor or the Olin Memorial Health Center on East Circle Drive on the north edge of campus Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

E.W. Sparrow Hospital Phone: (517) 364-1000

Medical care is also available through the emergency department of Sparrow Hospital located at

1215 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

Sparrow Urgent Care Center Okemos Phone: (517) 381-4001

2248 Mt. Hope, Suite 106 (at Okemos Rd.) Hours: Everyday, 10am-10pm

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