



Creative Competitions, Inc.'s
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Dear Odyssey of the Mind Coach,

It is with great pleasure that we invite your team to participate in the Odyssey of the Mind 2009 World Finals held at Iowa State University in Ames. We are proud to be returning to Iowa State this year.

We at Creative Competitions support your efforts to provide an outlet for children to express their creativity. It is impossible to put into words the thanks that every coach deserves. The value in the long hours and hard work you have dedicated to your team is evident in each team member's enthusiasm. While at World Finals you will represent the tens of thousands of dedicated people who coached this year so kids could have this wonderful experience.

There will be more than 400 volunteers and officials on campus to judge and to help the 800+ teams that are expected to participate. Odyssey officials will be wearing red "officials" t-shirts. The University has staff posted throughout campus to help you find your way around. Your kids will make lots of friends from all over the world. Such a large competition can be intimidating, but remind the kids to relax, do their best, and to have fun.

Be sure to visit the Creativity Festival and to get your complimentary team photo. It's also a place for kids to have fun and forget about competition for a while. NASA will also have a booth full of interesting materials there. Check out this packet and the Odyssey WF web site for updates on other fun activities available.

While you dedicate your valuable time organizing paperwork, raising funds, and pulling out some hair, remember that you are providing your team members with memories, friendships, and skills that will last a lifetime. The only way to really comprehend Odyssey of the Mind World Finals is to experience it firsthand. I look forward to seeing you in Ames. With regards, I am,

Sincerely,

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Program Director