



Float & Banner Parade

The Annual Odyssey of the Mind World Finals Float & Banner Parade will be held on Thursday evening, May 24. All State, Provincial, and Country Associations, as well as other Unaffiliated State and Country Representatives, are encouraged to submit an entry. You will parade your entry around Hilton Coliseum according to these procedures:

1. Each Association or Unaffiliated State/Country Representative may enter either a **single FLOAT OR a single BANNER** in the parade. Associations from outside the U.S. may, but are not required to, enter a **single FLOAT AND a single BANNER** in the parade. Associations are responsible for selecting their own entry. Only one group from an association may be in the parade.
2. Participants are to report to Hilton Coliseum tunnel area at 6:45 p.m.
3. Entries will line up with BANNERS first and then FLOATS. Participants will line up next to the appropriate Association or Unaffiliated State/Country entry.
4. Teams will enter the arena and circle the floor. They will then be directed to a designated waiting area.
5. An announcer will read a synopsis of your FLOAT or BANNER as your group enters the arena. (See rules)
6. Judges will announce 10 FLOAT and 10 BANNER FINALISTS.
7. Odyssey of the Mind will award plaques to all Finalists in the FLOAT and BANNER events. There will be no "Place" winners within the Finalists.

Float & Banner Parade Entry Rules

For FLOAT and BANNER entries:

- ◆ Submit a written synopsis of your FLOAT or BANNER, **no longer than 100 words**, to your **Association Director** by **May 6**. If your state does not have an association, send your description to Fern Brown, 193 Preble St., Wells, ME, 04090, *OR* email her at akela@maine.rr.com.
- ◆ All entries must be able to fit through a 30-inch door opening.
- ◆ Any entry that judges feel might cause damage to the facility or present a safety hazard to participants or spectators will not be paraded.
- ◆ The use of live animals is prohibited.
- ◆ Throwing or distributing any objects, including candy or peanuts into the crowd, is prohibited.
- ◆ This event is designed to be a fun experience for the participants AND spectators. Please keep in mind that anyone not in accordance with the rules may be disqualified.
- ◆ U.S. Associations may enter EITHER a Float OR a Banner. Only ONE entry per association, multiple entries from one association will result in disqualification. Associations from outside the U.S. are permitted to enter a Float AND a Banner if they wish, but only one float and one banner.
- ◆ Entries exceeding the maximum number of participants will not be eligible for finalist recognition. See below for Float and/or Banner limits.

If you choose to enter a FLOAT:

- ◆ It should include a WHITE sign, no larger than 11" x 17", with BLACK lettering, displaying **only** the name of the State, Province, or Country represented and the word *FLOAT*. No other decoration or wording is allowed.
- ◆ It must be PUSHED or PULLED by a minimum of two team members from the Association or Unaffiliated State/Country it represents.
- ◆ The maximum number of participants who may parade with or be part of the FLOAT is 25 *OR* one representative from each team attending World Finals — whichever is greater.
- ◆ Teams may not stop to perform during the presentation of their float.

If you choose to enter a BANNER:

- ◆ It must show the name of the State, Province, or Country represented.
- ◆ The maximum number of participants who may carry the BANNER is 25 *OR* one representative from each team attending World Finals — whichever is greater.
- ◆ Teams may not stop to perform during the presentation of their banner.

Contact your Association Director or Creative Competitions, Inc. for more information regarding this event.