

# **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

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Dear Odyssey of the Mind Participants,

Michigan State University is pleased to welcome you to the banks of the Red Cedar for the 2013 Odyssey of the Mind world finals. We are delighted to once again host your group on our beautiful and extensive campus.

MSU is known internationally as a World class public research university with global reach and extraordinary impact. Our 17 degree-granting colleges attract scholars from throughout the world who are interested in combining education and research with practical problem solving. As the nation's first land-grant college, Michigan State University has been advancing knowledge and transforming lives through innovative teaching, research, and outreach for more than 150 years.



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With our continuing quest for innovation and excellence and our strong international presence on campus and across the globe, it is fitting that the world final for Odyssey of the Mind be held at MSU. Team MSU stresses working together, as your organization matches by helping students learn to actively and creatively solve problems. As an institution, MSU encourages and facilitates innovation and imaginative thinking among its faculty, staff, and students to develop solutions for the challenges- large and small- facing society. We have consistently listened to societal needs and then discovered ways to address them. As we are located three miles from Michigan's capitol, we uphold a responsibility to remain connected with and responsive to the diverse communities around us- and, increasingly, to the global community of which we are all a part.

We hope you enjoy your stay and get an opportunity to visit some of the many attractions on campus. We are delighted to welcome young, innovative minds that are working toward the same goals that we champion on a daily basis as an institution of higher education professing the World Grant Ideal. Have fun and best of luck.

Sincerely,

  
Lou Anna K. Simon, Ph.D.  
President