



*Creative Competitions, Inc.'s*

# *Odyssey of the Mind®*

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Dear Division IV Team,

Congratulations! You're coming to World Finals and we're looking forward to hosting you! Enclosed is all the pertinent information regarding the event. You will receive an official schedule of events when you arrive on campus. Your team's competition schedule will be posted on the website at [www.odysseyofthemind.com/wf2014/teams.php](http://www.odysseyofthemind.com/wf2014/teams.php) in early May. Also enclosed are the forms for competition registration, room and board reservations, and announcements about special events. Please check [www.odysseyofthemind.com/wf2014/](http://www.odysseyofthemind.com/wf2014/) periodically for updates.

The housing package costs include not only the beds and meals, but also a portion of the facilities rental, recreational opportunities, special events, maintenance and security. We cannot modify room and board packages. You must pick the one most suited to your needs. Members of your group may have different packages, depending on each individual's length of stay.

We are offering housing discounts to Division IV teams that will volunteer to assist at World Finals. To be eligible for a discount each team member must volunteer to work 12 hours during the event in a non-judging position. This could mean helping out in the Creativity Festival, souvenir sales, evening activities, the pressroom, information or wherever we can use the help. If your team would like to stay off campus, there is also a discount in your registration fee. The amount of this fee is \$500 if your registration is received by April 15 and each team member volunteers to work for 12 hours.

If you do not wish to volunteer, you may purchase university lodging and meals as listed on the Registration Form and the Lodging and Meals Form. Any Division IV team that does not purchase campus-provided housing is required to pay a facilities fee of \$2500 if registering before April 15 or \$2750 after April 15 to help cover the aforementioned costs.

The earlier you register for World Finals, the better your chances will be for housing accommodations. Payment is due by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

There will be a meeting for all coaches with the International Problem Captains at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28. It is important that you have your coach attend this meeting.

Students, coaches and officials who will miss a school graduation while at World Finals are invited to register for the Graduation Ceremony, scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Friday, May 30, and are encouraged to bring their caps and gowns to wear at the ceremony. The Coaches and Officials Competition begins immediately following the ceremony. All World Finals coaches and officials are invited to participate in solving a problem written specially for them.

We hope you are looking forward to your participation. We look forward to hosting you. Best of luck!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sammy Micklus'.

Sammy Micklus

Program Director