



# Odyssey of the Mind<sup>®</sup>

## Newsletter

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### *World Finals 2000 Opening Ceremonies — International Greetings, Universal Smiles*

**S**mile became the theme of the Odyssey of the Mind 2000 World Finals Opening Ceremony — and it was enough to make anyone happy. With a performance by a talented singing group, international greetings guaranteed to spread good cheer, and the extended applause of thousands of participants, the Ceremony set a tone of excitement and pleasant anticipation that continued over the next three days.



In his opening speech, host Sammy Micklus said, "With the new millennium comes new changes for the Odyssey of the Mind." One change is a new pledge, written by team members from Humboldt High in Potsdam, Germany, and adopted as the official anthem of the program.

Another change is a new Odyssey of the Mind song, which was written and performed by the Lithuanian pop group, *Smile*. These five teenagers with amazing voices are members of the Klaipeda Technical Institute team (see insets). They were a big hit as they charmed the audience and moved everyone to clap and sway along with their catchy tune.

Special guest Adam Rusilowsky taught the audience to say "hello" in his native Polish. He then introduced representatives of all countries in attendance to come to the podium and give greetings in their own native language, beginning

with "G'Day" of Australia and ending with the 10-year-old representative from the Netherlands, who was lifted up to the podium to greet everyone in Dutch.



Adam touched everyone with his demonstration of "smile hugs." He told the audience, "When you meet one another, exchange smile hugs." He said he would show them how and that they could laugh if they wanted. Wearing the widest grin possible, he panned the audience back and forth. As expected, the crowd roared, not just because they were laughing with Adam but because they felt the warmth he exuded through this universal gesture.

Back at the podium, Sammy posed a welcome challenge: "The team who thinks they have the best coach in the world, please clap." The response was overwhelming. Several minutes of clapping turned into a standing ovation by thousands of cheering team members, all eager to express their gratitude to their coaches. Finally, Sammy told them, "You're all right."



The ceremony was filled with many magical moments, but when all was said and done, one stood out above the rest. When Dr. Sam Micklus, Odyssey of the Mind founder, delivered his traditional line, "Let the games begin," the crowd was ecstatic. Once again, smiles lit the room.



### *More World Finals Highlights . . .*

**T**he Odyssey of the Mind 2000 World Finals was held May 31-June 3 on the campus of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Here are some reasons why this year's event was the best World Finals ever!

- More than 550 teams came from 42 U.S. states and 11 other countries to compete.
- The event was broadcast LIVE over the Internet — in video AND audio (see back page).
- May 29-June 4 was declared Creativity Week in Knoxville by proclamation of Mayor Vince Ashe.
- We had 5 judges from Germany and 3 from Poland.
- Ronald McDonald House Charities was awarded the Odyssey of the Mind Creativity Award for its innovative methods of helping people in need.
- The first International Festival was held, where teams from different countries showcased items unique to their culture.
- William Cook, of Oklahoma, received the Odyssey of the Mind Spirit Award for his work with Creative Opportunities Unlimited and with our associations.
- Creative Opportunities Unlimited presented its first three scholarships for \$500 each.

# ODYSSEY OF THE MIND 2000 WORLD CHAMPIONS

## ELASTI-PUMPER

### Division II

*1st Place:* **DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCH**, Merritt Island, FL

*Coach:* Cheryl Glemser, Jerry Cox  
*Team Members:* Rachel Glemser, Daniel Cox, Jessica Bostian, Lindsey Johns, Max Wessell, Stephanie Strickland, Joshua Niederriter.

*2nd Place:* **FEAGIN MILL MID SCH**, Warner Robins, GA

*Coach:* Becky Warren  
*Team Members:* Lauren Byrd, Christine Gordon, Shelley Burch, Kelsey Grubbs, Stacy Roberson, Candace Hall, Katherine Freniere.

*3rd Place:* **CENTRAL MID SCH**, Hartly, DE

*Coach:* Shelli & Dan Lawson  
*Team Members:* Devin Krupka, Sherif Gergis, Christina Martin, Jessica Stacy Soto, Gregory E. Argyrou, Priscilla Caldwell, Zachary Lawson.

*4th Place:* **PENN SOUTH MID SCH**, Green Lane, PA

*5th Place:* **MISSION VALLEY MID SCH TM A**, Shawnee Mission, KS

*6th Place:* **NEW HAMPTON COMM MID SCH**, New Hampton, IA

### Division III

*1st Place (tie):* **HO FUNG COLLEGE**, North Point, Hong Kong

*Coach:* Yu Pui-Wai  
*Team Members:* Lee Ho-Ting, Li Yu-Him, Ng Man-Keung, Lau Pok-Yuen, Chan On-Yi, Ng Kam-Man, Wu On-Ying.

*1st Place (tie):* **CHAPEL HILL HOMESCHOOLERS**, Chapel Hill, NC

*Coach:* Cindi Suffern  
*Team Members:* Michael Adams, Stephen Hoyle, Ben Johnson, Andrew Waggoner, Stephen Waggoner, David Suffern.

*2nd Place:* **JOHN BURROUGHS HS**, Burbank, CA

*Coach:* Gary & Maria Allison  
*Team Members:* Christopher Allison, Nariman Ansari, Orlando Arguello, Pete Chesney, Jeffrey Toor, Justin Umpierre.

*3rd Place:* **NEW LOTHROP HS**, New Lothrop, MI

*Coach:* Dennis & Diane Henige  
*Team Members:* Kristen Henige, Tony Birkmeier, Amy Birkmeier, Curt Birkmeier, Nick Quaderer, Amanda Beliveau.

*4th Place:* **WELLS HS**, Wells, ME

*5th Place:* **HAMMONDSPORT CENTRAL SCH**, Hammondsport, NY

*6th Place (tie):* **DELAWARE VALLEY HS**, Milford, PA

*6th Place (tie):* **MERRITT ISLAND HS**, Merritt Island, FL

### Division IV

*1st Place:* **LEMOORE ODD FELLOW LODGE**, Hanford, CA

*Coach:* Matthew Dawson  
*Team Members:* Matthew Dawson, Vanessa Dawson, Robert Oliveira, Emily Girice, Bob Froberg, Brooke Verboon.

*2nd Place:* **CREATIVITY IN CORUNNA**, Corunna, MI

*Coach:* Bonnie Brown  
*Team Members:* Nate Brown, Jacob Runyan, Daniel Flynn, Tracy Flynn, Bonnie Brown.

## PEST-ASIDE

### Division I

*1st Place:* **FAIRVIEW ELE SCH TM A**, Fairview, NC

*Coach:* Melissa Spruill  
*Team Members:* Kiva Nice Webb, Kayla Shipley, Steven Henderson, Hillary Mady, Chelsea Phares, Alyssa Smith, Dylan McKnight.

*2nd Place:* **BELVEDERE ELE SCH TM A**, Falls Church, VA

*Coach:* Beth Wright, Helen Walker  
*Team Members:* Luke Lavin, Richard Momii, Mariah Walker, Elaine Westcott, Nicholas Wright.

*3rd Place:* **WESTMINSTER SCH TM A**, Oklahoma City, OK

*Coach:* Jeffrey Hirsch  
*Team Members:* Hannah Hirsch, Taylor Self, Margot Parrish, Ruby Coyle, Alex Francisco, Peter Schmidt, David Pollack.

*4th Place:* **NELLIE REED ELE SCH**, Morrice, MI

*5th Place (tie):* **MADISON ELE SCH**, Madison, KS

*5th Place (tie):* **NORTHHAMPTON BOROUGH ELE SCH TM A**, Northhampton, PA

*6th Place:* **WILLISTON CENTRAL SCH**, Williston, VT

### Division II

*1st Place:* **FOOTHILL MID SCH**, Walnut Creek, CA

*Coach:* Garwin Soe, Bill Calbeck  
*Team Members:* Brian Soe, Michelle Forcier, Danielle Calbeck, Brian Calbeck, Nico Villapana, Kathryn Villapana, Song-Song Xi.

*2nd Place:* **THE INDEPENDENCE SCH**, Newark, DE

*Coach:* Bud & Barbara Bettler  
*Team Members:* Callie Taylor, Kristen Roach, Natasha Loomis, Colin Graft, Jimmy Molini, Alan Browning, Teagan Gregory.

*3rd Place:* **FOREST HILLS CENTRAL MID SCH**, Grand Rapids, MI

*Coach:* Jer Hon & Chris Hawkins  
*Team Members:* Grant Hawkins, Drew Hawkins, Brian Salata, David Hughes, Mischa Dylewski.

*4th Place:* **FAIRFIELD WOODS MID SCH**, Fairfield, CT

*5th Place:* **ABINGTON HEIGHTS MID SCH**, Clarks Summit, PA

*6th Place:* **LOST MOUNTAIN MID SCH**, Acworth, GA

### Division III

*1st Place:* **CORUNNA HS**, Corunna, MI

*Coach:* Daniel Flynn  
*Team Members:* Betsy Brown, Walker Foland, Gary Gregoricka, Jason Goodrich, Holly Noetzel, Kristy Walters, Adam Spencer.

*2nd Place:* **PETERS TOWNSHIP HS**, McMurray, PA

*Coach:* Gina Snyder, N Cameron  
*Team Members:* Chelsey Snyder, Faith Cameron, Molly Young, Sarah Sternweis, Sarah Miley, Ken Helfrich, Lacey Munroe.

*3rd Place:* **XIA ZHONG HS**, Shanghai, China

*Coach:* Bo Zhong  
*Team Members:* Wang Shijun, Chen Yina, Zhang Ji, He Ning Kang, Wen Cong, Xu Weikang, Lu Yi.

*4th Place:* **BROCKPORT HS**, Brockport, NY

*5th Place:* **GLASTONBURY YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES**, Glastonbury, CT

*6th Place (tie):* **GARDEN CITY HS**, Garden City, KS

*6th Place (tie):* **FOREST HILLS CENTRAL HS**, Grand Rapids, MI

### Division IV

*1st Place:* **TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF ZVOLEN**, Zvolen, Slovakia

*Coach:* Jaroslava Horickova  
*Team Members:* Michal Nic, Tomas Kajan, Vlado Benovsky, Monica Ilavska, Bitiana Lengyelova, Radka Hornakova, Katka Tomanova.

*2nd Place:* **CREATIVITY IN CORUNNA**, Corunna, MI

*Coach:* Bonnie Brown  
*Team Members:* Nate Brown, Jacob Runyan, Daniel Flynn, Tracy Flynn, Bonnie Brown.

## Classics... KING ARTHUR

### Division I

*1st Place:* **RINGGOLD 5TH GRADE CAMPUS**, Rio Grande City, TX

*Coach:* Elias Saenz  
*Team Members:* Ashley Escobar, Leo Lopez III, Armando Vela, Jessica Chapa, Valerie Villarreal, Karah Hiles, Justin Guzman.

*2nd Place:* **PINEVILLE ELE SCH**, Pineville, NC

*Coach:* Mary Rutherford, B Gordon  
*Team Members:* David Winningham, Rebecca Gordon, Nikki Cable, Alexa Noxon, Brittany Harler, Paige Cooper, Jacob LeGrone.

*3rd Place:* **SKEEN ELE SCH**, Leesburg, FL

*Coach:* Judie Whittaker, M Raber  
*Team Members:* Madison Raber, Anderson Raber, Rebecca Esche, Billy Kaylor, Diamond Sprague, Julia Walker, Marcea Brown.



4th Place (tie): **MAST LANDING SCH**, Freeport, ME

4th Place (tie): **LAWRENCE INT SCH**, Lawrenceville, NJ

5th Place (tie): **MISSION TRAIL ELE SCH TM A**, Leawood, KS

5th Place (tie): **SLEEPY HOLLOW ELE SCH GREEN**, Orinda, CA

6th Place: **WEST ANNAPOLIS ELE SCH**, Annapolis, MD

**Division II**

1st Place: **FAITH SCH**, Ft Benning, GA  
Coach: Anne Trawick

Team Members: Michael Hutchings, Christopher Herold, Dwain Watts, Clint Loyd, Jaqueline Schafer, Anuarite Mubangu, Abbie Cucolo.

2nd Place: **ROCKFORD MID SCH TM A**, Rockford, MI

Coach: Tracy Hales  
Team Members: Tom Hales, Katey Leitch, Kelsey Dufendach, Megan Keane, Jeff Blackmore, Lindsay Blackmore, Jill Lisenbee.

3rd Place: **CLASSEN SCH OF THE ARTS**, Oklahoma City, OK

Coach: Betsy Brunsteter  
Team Members: Blayne Alexander, Halley Brunsteter, Brandon Cook, Amy Hestilow, Adam Price, Elizabeth Silver.

4th Place: **LYMAN MOORE MID SCH**, Portland, ME

5th Place (tie): **ROTON MID SCH**, Rowayton, CT

5th Place (tie): **ANGLO-CHINESE SCH**, Singapore

6th Place: **CENTRAL MID SCH**, Dover, DE



**Division III**

1st Place (tie): **RIVER RIDGE HS**, New Port Richey, FL

Coach: Kay Stout  
Team Members: Kendra Stout, Sara Beniamino, Ashley Reyes, Maria Ippolito, Caitlin Quatters.

1st Place (tie): **MYERS PARK HS TM WHITE**, Charlotte, NC

Coach: Brian Cartiff  
Team Members: Anny Gaul, Caroline Batchelor, Catherine Amos, Paul North, Fredrick Pfeiffer, William Green, Elizabeth Clarke.

2nd Place: **SHILOH HS**, Stone Mountain, GA

Coach: Dan & Melissa Kemper  
Team Members: Christina Abufaris, Kati Haley, Adam Jansen, Randy Kemper, Phillip Pickens, Frances Weaver, Brad Wells.

3rd Place: **DEERING HS**, Portland, ME

Coach: Kathleen Beirne  
Team Members: Erin Beirne, Liv Carlson, Sam Klugman, Sam Koenigsberg, Erica Greenberg, Megan Nelson, Lisa White.

4th Place (tie): **OSRODEK TWOR PSY DAMB**, Gdansk, Poland

4th Place (tie): **LOYALSOCK TWP HS**, Williamsport, PA

5th Place: **MARTIN HS**, Arlington, TX

6th Place: **PHOEBUS HS**, Hampton, VA



**Division IV**

1st Place: **CUMBERLAND COLLEGE**, Williamsburg, KY

Coach: Dr. Jeff Smoak  
Team Members: Debbie Burnett, Amanda Johnson, Aaron Jackson, Darren Murray, Jennifer McBay, Jeremiah Tudor, Michael Taylor.

2nd Place: **UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA**, Athens, GA

Coach: Richard Wise  
Team Members: Richard Wise, Kim Hawkins, Lindsay Cramb, Maggie Watts, Alex Lynch.

3rd Place: **UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA**, Tulsa, OK

Coach: Rodney Yancy  
Team Members: Ben Schlecht, Rodney Yancy, Tyler Watt, Aaron Adler.

4th Place: **UWMSU**, Portage, WI

5th Place: **CREATIVITY IN CORUNNA**, Corunna, MI

**SHRINKING STRUCTURE Division I**

1st Place: **CRYSTAL SPRING ELE SCH TM A**, Roanoke, VA

Coach: Michele McLeod, J Hedrick  
Team Members: Katie Hedrick, Jimmy Gilmore, Will Faddis, Hillary Mullet, Anne Tyler Feldmann, Meredith Peake.

2nd Place: **VINCENT ELE SCH**, Phoenixville, PA

Coach: Chris Palochak  
Team Members: Cole Bevan, Sean Calkin, Kate Cook, Alli Hedges, Krista Jasper, Stephen Perry, Wendy Worthington.

3rd Place: **CENTRAL WOODLANDS SCH TM A**, Grand Rapids, MI

Coach: Paul Allie  
Team Members: Matthew Allie, Jeff Bernard, Adam Cyranowski, Mitchell Klipa, Sophie Thomas, Katrena Westmaas, Zachery Zentmeyer.

4th Place: **PEI JIA LABORATORY SCH**, Shanghai, China

5th Place: **DURANT ROAD ELE SCH**, Raleigh, NC

6th Place (tie): **KATHERINE FINCHY ELE SCH**, Palm Springs, CA

6th Place (tie): **DELAWARE VALLEY ELE SCH**, Milford, PA

**Division II**

1st Place: **OLEY VALLEY MID SCH**, Oley, PA

Coach: Bruce Rimmel, Bea Crowley  
Team Members: Ian Rimmel, Stacy Eddinger, Jonathan Crowley, Rose Mary Rizzo, Adam Fisher, Ian Sellers, Chris Furches.

2nd Place: **WESTERN MID SCH, Elon College**, NC

Coach: Paul Guley, Don Stowe  
Team Members: Kevin Guley, Sarah Ross, Trey Stowe, Matt Taylor, Palmer Dillon, Rebecca Perry, Hank Lilienthal.

3rd Place (tie): **WELLS JHS**, Wells, ME

Coach: Larry & Mary Dube  
Team Members: Chad Dickerson, Julie Blair, Michelle Dube, Melanie Gilman, Renee Hoffman, Samantha Hurlay.

3rd Place (tie): **CENTRAL MID SCH**, Dover, DE

Coach: Susan Monahan, D Lindsey  
Team Members: Jessica Eisenbrey, Jessica Farley, Renee Lindsey, Andrea Malkowski, Katie Monahan, Nick Wehner.

4th Place: **WEEDSPORT JR/SR HS**, Weedsport, NY

5th Place: **OWEN J ROBERTS MID SCH**, Phoenixville, PA

6th Place: **PIONEER MID SCH, Hanford**, CA

**Division III**

1st Place: **POQUOSON HS**, Poquoson, VA

Coach: Richard & Vonnie Boitnott  
Team Members: Kelsey Boitnott, Bryan Dezern, David Nickels, Sard Taliaferro, Kyle Tom.

2nd Place: **PATRICK HENRY HS**, Roanoke, VA

Coach: Michele McLeod  
Team Members: Caitlin Swain, Lauren Russo, Amanda Young, Bill Palmer, Tyler Field, Warren Hammond, Matthew McLeod.

3rd Place: **FOREST HILLS CENTRAL HS**, Grand Rapids, MI

Coach: John & Judy Gritter  
Team Members: Joani Gritter, Josh Kaufman, Mike Vujea, Natalie Wolters, Ashley Wood, Scott Siegel.

4th Place (tie): **HILLCREST HS**, Dallas, TX

4th Place (tie): **WEST ORANGE HS TM B**, Winter Garden, FL

5th Place: **PETERS TOWNSHIP HS**, McMurray, PA

6th Place: **LOVEJOY HS**, Jonesboro, GA

**Division IV**

1st Place: **UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS**, Fayetteville, AR

Coach: Aaron Leyendecker  
Team Members: Aaron Leyendecker, Matt Silvestri, Lucus Banks, Lindsay Wright, Brook Thomas, Shondra Pruett.

2nd Place: **TEMASEK POLYTECHNIC**, Singapore

Coach: Ronald Yeo  
Team Members: Jim Ong Heng Jiunn, Qiang Ho Shu, Ishak Mohd Iskandar, Calvin Fung Sze Kei, Tan Chee Hwee, Musiran Mohd Wurul Hisham.

3rd Place: **CREATIVITY IN CORUNNA**, Corunna, MI

Coach: Bonnie Brown  
Team Members: Nate Brown, Jacob Runyan, Daniel Flynn, Tracy Flynn, Bonnie Brown.

**THE GENIE**

**Division I**

**1st Place: BRASSFIELD ELE SCH TM A,** Raleigh, NC

*Coach:* Donna Sink, Susan Ross  
*Team Members:* Abby Crain, Allison Rowe, Amanda Miller, Ashley Pittman, Hannah Ross, Katy Sink, Leila Yahyapour.

**2nd Place: MISSION TRAIL ELE SCH TM A,** Leawood, KS

*Coach:* Patty Campbell, Paula Como  
*Team Members:* Jack Campbell, Trevor Anderson, Mollie Barouh, Natalie Como, Caroline Fehr, Andrew Johnson, Ashley Kingcade.

**2nd Place (tie): ROCKY MOUNT**

**ACADEMY,** Rocky Mount, NC  
*Coach:* Barbara Frohbose, C Minges  
*Team Members:* Alice Frohbose, Katie Frohbose, Kyle Minges, Liz Boddie, Martha Grant.

**3rd Place: MUSCOGEE COUNTY GIFTED PROG A,** Columbus, GA

*Coach:* Claire Fonler, J Fessenden  
*Team Members:* Reed Campbell, Seth Dukes, Cain Harrelson, Anne Hewitt, Seth Pound, Aileen Thomas, John Olive

**4th Place (tie): LOST MOUNTAIN MID SCH,** Kennesaw, GA

**4th Place (tie): CARVER MS,** Fruitland Pk, FL



**3rd Place: WESTMINSTER ELE SCH TM A,** Oklahoma City, OK

*Coach:* Marnie Taylor  
*Team Members:* Clark Taylor, John Toal, E.J. Reshef, Fancie Love, Margaret Salyer, Hannah Carey.

**4th Place: HOPI ELE SCH TM A,** Phoenix, AZ

**5th Place (tie): CREATIVE PRIMARY SCH,** North Point, Hong Kong

**5th Place (tie): RAMSTEIN INT SCH,** Germany

**5th Place (tie): SAXE MID SCH,** New Canaan, CT

**6th Place: LAKESIDE MID SCH,** Hot Springs, AR

**5th Place (tie): CHENANGO VALLEY MID/HS,** Binghamton, NY

**5th Place (tie): WILLISTON CENTRAL SCH,** Williston, VT

**5th Place (tie): MARK TWAIN MID SCH TM A,** Alexandria, VA

**5th Place (tie): SILSBEE MID SCH,** Silsbee, TX

**6th Place: UNITY SCH,** Boynton Beach, FL



**Division II**

**1st Place: SPRING CREEK HS,** Seven Springs, NC

*Coach:* Kathy Sasser, C Murphy  
*Team Members:* Danielle Bliss, Carrie Edwards, Elizabeth Gainey, Kaitlin Murphy, Janet Potter, Lynn Sasser, Blakely Thacker.

**2nd Place (tie): LOYALSOCK MID SCH TM A,** Williamsport, PA

*Coach:* Mary Odorizzi, E Wessner  
*Team Members:* Mary Huber, Pam Odorizzi, Colin Penfield, Amanda Purcell, Pam Sechrist, Chelsea Vandermeer, Zach Wessner.

**RANATRA FUSCA CREATIVITY AWARD WINNERS**

**Team: NEW LOTHROP HS,** New Lothrop, MI  
*Elasti-Pumper, Div. II: This team had amazing design and construction of very detailed costumes and props. They created a vehicle with a concealed driver, human fruit and fire-breathing dragon. It was a sophisticated solution by virtue of its simplicity and elegance.*

**Team: LONGMONT HS,** Longmont, CO  
*Pest-Aside, Div. III: This team's pest was a bug vehicle that walked through a maze of contraptions. Designed to operate without human intervention, it was able to trigger events by itself, then paused to let them occur, all while being transported to the next contraption. Though well-designed, its complexity brought great risk to the solution.*

**Team: PINEVILLE ELE SCH,** Pineville, NC  
*King Arthur, Div. I: An umbrella frame that opens to make Q-tip dragonflies fly. A huge dragon that roars with a blaze in his eye. A puppet show and costume that made us take note. An extraordinary team that gets our unanimous vote.*

**Team: CLASSEN SCH OF ADVANCED STUDIES & PERFORMING ARTS,** Oklahoma City, OK  
*King Arthur, Div. II: Throughout its performance, this team demonstrated innovative use of materials and concepts within a silent movie theme enhanced by the use of black and white. Simplistic materials, such as baby wipes and dryer sheets, were highly effective, especially when taken into account the minimal cost overall. The team took significant risk in developing its solution.*

**Team: VOROSMARTY MILHALY GIMNAZIUM,** Budapest, Hungary  
*King Arthur, Div. II: This team used a single 4 x 6 piece of cloth to represent every prop the bodies of the teammates did not portray, including the sail of a human-created ship that brilliantly rocked in the wind, the cloak of a 12-foot monster, followed by the Round Table of the King's Court. They pinched the bottom and it became the Holy Grail that held Arthur's flowing blood. Then it flipped over to become the boulder. It also tented over team members with crossed swords to illustrate a chapel.*

**Team: UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA,** Norman, OK  
*King Arthur, Div. IV: This team set their non-Arthur act in a parallel universe, using math to communicate ideas and created a costume that was a musical instrument played in battle. This team took a serious risk by creating a math-based solution to a performance problem.*

**Team: PEI JAI LABORATORY SCH,** Shanghai, China  
*Shrinking Structure, Div. I: In every aspect of this team's performance, with movement and dance, they were able to communicate effectively non-verbally, which kept the audience spellbound. All movements were perfectly synchronized with accompanying music and sound.*

**Team: NORTHWEST G/T PROG A,** Shickshinny, PA  
*Genie, Div. I: This team "wowed" the judges with its risk-taking interpretation of the problem. Although thier solution was not the most technically effective, their interpretation allowed them to succeed when expected to fail.*

**Team: CHENANGO VALLEY MID/HS,** Binghamton, NY  
*Genie, Div. II: The team showed exceptional creativity by shrinking the audience along with their characters to pull us into a world where we never expected to be. Taking risks, they transformed the stage to the inside of a living room sofa, complete with commonly lost items.*

**Team: CORUNNA HS,** Corunna, MI  
*Spontaneous: The team created a skit where the narrator was a hybrid of Old McDonald, a seal, and a goat. The other members played barnyard animals. The horse's neigh and the cow chewing her cud made us feel as though we were actually in the barnyard. All aspects of the presentation fit within the dimensions of their story.*

**Team: HANAU HS,** DoDDS, Germany  
*Spontaneous: This team built a vehicle to solve its problem. During the final "timed" element, they were presented with a dilemma: how to get more points without losing those they already had. With quick thinking, they built an elevated extension on their vehicle, which knocked down pipes for score that were behind a doll blocking the way. Their extension was risk taking, because they had no idea if it would work.*



# 2000-2001 ODYSSEY OF THE MIND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

For new memberships or renewals, complete this form and return it with a check, purchase order, or credit card number (see below).

**Check one:**

**Divisions I, II and III:**

- Individual school:** Must register in the school name. May enter one team per problem per division in competition.
- Two or more schools:** Must share the same principal. Use school district name on application. May enter one team per problem per division in competition.
- Home-schooled students:** All students on the team must be home-schooled. May enter one team per problem.
- Community Group:** Must be an established organization within the community. May enter one team per problem in competition. Please submit by-laws if this is a new membership.
- Division IV:** May enter one team per problem. Proceeds directly to World Finals for competition.

Membership name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership number (if renewal) \_\_\_\_\_

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- 6-10 memberships for the same school district (registered at the same time) @ \$120 .....
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- \*copies of *Make Learning Fun* @ \$17 Provides a history of the program .....

*All of the above books are a collection of long-term and spontaneous problems from past competition years.  
If ordering additional books, add \$3 shipping & handling for the first book, \$1 for each additional book.*

- Odyssey of the Mind 2000 World Finals Video Yearbook* @ \$19.95 Highlights of the event.....
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Your friend,

*OMER*

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### *World Finals Live Broadcasts Hold Special Meaning*

This year, for the first time ever, World Finals was broadcast over the World Wide Web in video AND audio. Over the four-day event, more than 10,000 computer users from all over the world logged on to [www.odysseyofthemind.com/wf](http://www.odysseyofthemind.com/wf) to view the Opening Ceremony, Graduation Ceremony, Coaches Competition, Awards Ceremony, and selected competitions.

The most heartwarming aspect of such technological advances, however, is being able to bring a team's performance into the living rooms of those who cannot attend, as was the case with two teams this year.

Charles Park, coach of the Lake Braddock Middle School team from Virginia, worked closely with his team members all year and shared in their excitement when they learned they had earned a spot at World Finals. But feelings of elation turned to those of disappointment when he learned that he was seriously ill. He was forced to stay behind, as was his wife and co-coach Roseanna, who was needed to care for him.

Mr. Parks' situation spurred Creative Competitions to work even harder to make live broadcasts a reality. Once we determined it could, and would, be done, the Parks were contacted and asked to tune in to the performance scheduled for Saturday afternoon. The broadcast was successful and held even more meaning to Mr. Parks, since his daughter Julia was a member of the team. After the performance, Julia and her teammates delivered a special message to this dedicated coach.

Nathan Barefoot, a member of the Jackson Miller Elementary team from Pennsylvania, would have liked to

have his father, Eric, present at his World Finals performance. Unfortunately, only two weeks before the PA state competition, Mr. Barefoot was hospitalized and was unable to make the trip to Knoxville. Again, the wonders of technology allowed Odyssey of the Mind to bring Nathan's team's performance to his father. This team, too, sent a special message home.

We wish the best for these teams and their families!



*OMER says, "Hope to see you at World Finals 2001 at the University of Maryland, College Park, June 2-5!"*