

## Odyssey of the Mind

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It's been a few weeks since the 2023 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals held at Michigan State University and we're wrapping up the 2022-2023 Odyssey of the Mind Season!

This year in Michigan, we had about 15,000 people show up to compete, cheer on their fellow OMers, and volunteer their time to support creative problem solving and ensure that our teams were well taken care of.

We want to thank every one of you for being there for our OMers! The 2022-2023 Season brought so many laughs, tears, and a lot of inspiration to grow. We're gearing up for one of the best years Odyssey of the Mind has ever had and we have you, OMers, to thank for that.

**To our OMers:** Thank you for solving an Odyssey of the Mind Long-Term problem. We hope you've had fun, learned new skills, and found a few new friends along the way. We cannot wait to see which problems you will solve next year!

**To our Graduates:** A new odyssey begins! You will now take your first steps into your adult life! Whether those first steps are college, tech school, trade school, or a gap year, we wish you all the best of luck in your endeavors. Cherish the memories you made, don't be afraid to show off the skills you've learned in OM, and above all, don't forget us! We love to show our Alumni the other side of OM- the judging side!

**To our Coaches:** BRAVO! You've made it! We hope you are overflowing with pride for your team, because we are, too! Some of your team will be back next year and some of your OMers may be moving on to a different school, but don't worry! Those skills you watched them learn will come in handy on their new team! Thank you for guiding your teams on their journey to becoming their most creative selves, as a team that can work through differences and challenges to become stronger both individually and collectively.

**To our Parents:** Thank you for allowing, encouraging, and supporting your OMers' participation in this program. We hope that you are proud of your children and have enjoyed watching them learn new skills over the past year. It's truly amazing to witness a young mind grow and we hope you've enjoyed watching it happen!

**To our Officials:** We cannot thank you enough for your dedication to the success of our OMers. Throughout the world, our Officials are the driving force of Odyssey of the Mind. You, our dear Official, are the reason Odyssey of the Mind reaches millions of young minds each year and we are so grateful for you!

This isn't the end of the 44th Chapter of Odyssey of the Mind but rather the beginning of its 45th. Let's see what it has in store for all of us!



