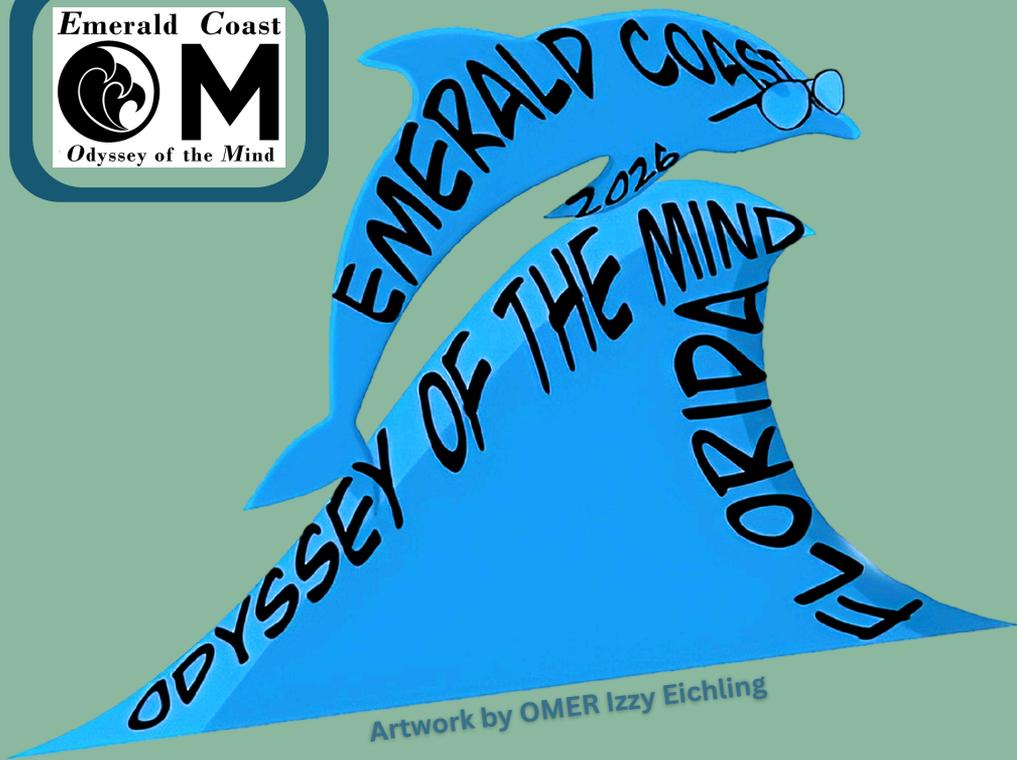


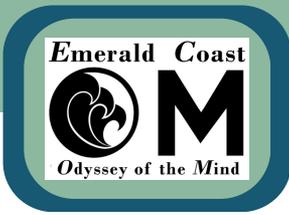
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The Emerald Coast Board welcomes all our students and visitors to this year's Emerald Coast Odyssey of the Mind regional competition. We know it will be an exciting day full of fun and surprises. Do your best and enjoy the fun and excitement!

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Problem #5: Taller Tales of John Jivery Felton Barnes & Natasha Peacock
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SPECIAL THANKS TO

The Emerald Coast Board would like to express our special thanks to Okaloosa County Schools and particularly Crestview High School and their administrators, teachers, and support staff for allowing us the use of their facilities for the tournament.

We hope that all who attend this competition will express their appreciation by leaving the rooms and school grounds in as good a condition as they were provided to us.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:15 AM	Registration Opens	Hall Near Gym
9:00 AM	Life's a Ball (Problem 4) Weigh-in begins	Room 243
9:00 AM	Off the Rails (Problem 1) begins	Multipurpose Room
9:00 AM	Classics: The Epic Quest (Problem 3/Division II) begins	Auditorium
9:00 AM	Taller Tales of John Jivery (Problem 5) begins	Cafeteria
10:30 AM	Life's a Ball (Problem 4) begins	Media Center
10:40 AM	Lost in OMERland (Problem 2) begins	Auditorium
12:30 PM	Classics: The Epic Quest (Problem 3/Division III) begins	Cafeteria
1:45 PM	Creativity Festival begins	Field between football & baseball fields
3:40 PM	Teams Line up for Awards Parade	Hallways
3:40 PM	Awards Ceremony doors open	Auditorium
4:00 PM	Awards Ceremony	Auditorium

PROBLEM 1



OFF THE RAILS



All aboard! OMerS become conductors and engineers as they design, build, and operate a train vehicle. As the train travels the course it will have a new car attached at each stop. Along the route it will encounter challenges that make the train travel in different ways. After all of its cargo is picked up, the items will be unloaded and assembled into a work of art. The performance will also include the use of ARM&HAMMER™ Baking Soda, a humorous conductor character, and a villain character that tries to prevent the train from getting to its destination.

Problem Captains: Ryne & Keeley Wickery **Long Term Performance in the Multipurpose Room** **Spontaneous in the 400 Wing**



Teams must report to the pre-staging area 20 minutes prior to their performance times.

PROBLEM 1



OFF THE RAILS



Performance Schedule

Off the Rails Div II Long Term Location: Multi Purpose Room Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing				
Long Term	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
9:00am	Ferry Pass Middle School TMA	6074	Michelle Speas	12:20pm
9:30am	North Bay Haven Charter Academy TMA	4115	Cassidy Aragon	12:40pm
10:00am	Brown Barge Middle School TMA	5088	Carrie McGugin	1:00pm

Off the Rails Div I Long Term Location: Multi Purpose Room Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing				
Long Term	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
10:30am	--Break			
11:00am	North Bay Haven Charter Academy TMA	4131	Adrianna Linda Poppell	9:20am
11:30am	Mossy Head School TMA	5214	Crystal Davis	10:20am

Off the Rails Div III Long Term Location: Multi Purpose Room Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing				
Long Term	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
12:00pm	--Lunch			
1:15pm	Magnet Innovation Center TMA	4400	Margaret Whitehead	9:40am

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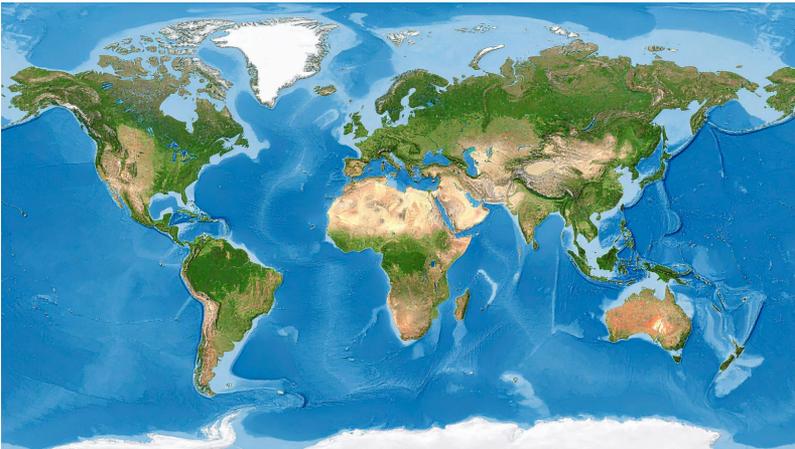
PROBLEM 2



LOST IN OMERLAND

Getting lost often leads to unexpected opportunities! In this problem OM teams will design, build, and operate a Technical Trip Assistant only to find their voice activated-device has a few malfunctions that result in hilarity. While they set out to explore a new place, the device gives a humorous answer to a question, wrong directions that take them to an unexpected location, and a silly translation. All props and backdrops must fit inside two suitcases.

Problem Captain: Evan Rimmel
Long Term Performance in the Auditorium
Spontaneous in the 400 Wing



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PROBLEM 2



LOST IN OMERLAND

Performance Schedule

Lost in OMERland Div I Long Term Location: Auditorium Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing				
Long Term	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
10:40am	Dune Lake Elementary School TM B	4475	Meredith Flowers	12:40pm
11:10am	Dune Lake Elementary School TM A	4474	Meredith Flowers	9:40am

Lost in OMERland Div III Long Term Location: Auditorium Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing				
Long Term	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
11:40am	Magnet Innovation Center TM A	4401	Margaret Whitehead	9:00am

Lost in OMERland Div II Long Term Location: Auditorium Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing				
Long Term	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
12:10pm	--Lunch			
1:00pm	Ferry Pass Middle School TM A	5822	Melissa Hughes	11:00am
1:30pm	North Bay Haven Charter Academy TM A	4117	Joshua Koterba	10:20am

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PROBLEM 3



CLASSICS... THE EPIC QUEST

OMers, are you ready to get EPIC? Quests from history have been passed from generation to generation through many art forms, including poetry. OMers will create an epic poem that details a team-created quest that is acted out in the performance. During the quest, the characters encounter an original beast, will rescue someone, and will overcome an epic challenge. The performance will use colors to help depict different settings.



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PROBLEM 3



CLASSICS... THE EPIC QUEST

Problem Captains: Jan Ayers
Long Term Performance Division II in the Auditorium
Long Term Performance Division III in the Cafeteria
Spontaneous in the 400 Wing

Performance Schedule

The Epic Quest Div II Long Term Location: Auditorium Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing				
Long Term	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
9:00am	North Bay Haven Charter Academy TMA	4126	Jennifer Blount	11:00am
9:30am	Ferry Pass Middle School TMA	6061	Kaye Worley	11:20am

The Epic Quest Div III Long Term Location: Cafeteria Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing				
Long Term	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
10:00am	--Break			
12:30pm	Port St. Joe High School TMA	5618	Fred Flowers	9:20am
12:55pm	Rutherford Middle and High School TMA	5675	Heather Briscoe	9:40am
1:20pm	North Bay Haven Charter Academy TMA	4129	Crystal Lund	10:20am

Teams must report to the pre-staging area 20 minutes prior to their performance times.

PROBLEM 4



LIFE'S A BALL

Party Time! In this problem, teams will create a performance about throwing a party or a ball. The team will design and build a balsa wood structure that is tested by balancing and supporting as much weight as possible. At intervals various balls will be rolled to collide with the structure. The performance will include a creative "ball" character and a party guest that explains the impact of the collisions using team-created terms.

Problem Captains: Larry Munz & Dr. Lida Munz
Weigh-In in Room 243
Long Term Performance in the Media Center
Spontaneous in the 400 Wing



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PROBLEM 4



LIFE'S A BALL

Performance Schedule

Life's a Ball! Div III Long Term Location: Media Center Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing					
Long Term	Weigh In	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
10:30am	9:00am	Magnet Innovation Center TM A	4403	Margaret Whitehead	12:20pm
11:00am	9:00am	North Bay Haven Charter Academy TM A	4116	Katie Fanning	12:40pm

Life's a Ball! Div I Long Term Location: Media Center Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing					
Long Term	Weigh In	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
11:30am	--Lunch				
12:00pm	9:00am	Van R Butler Elementary School TM A	5090	Olivia Giannetti	10:40am

Life's a Ball! Div II Long Term Location: Media Center Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing					
Long Term	Weigh In	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
12:30pm	9:00am	North Bay Haven Charter Academy TM A	4127	Kristen Myers	10:40am
1:00pm	9:00am	Rutherford Middle and High School TM A	5673	Heather Briscoe	11:00am
1:30pm	9:00am	Ferry Pass Middle School TM A	5821	Michelle Stephens	12:00pm

Teams must report to the pre-staging area 20 minutes prior to their performance times.

PROBLEM 5



TALLER TALES OF JOHN JIVERY

No one can tell a story like an OMer! In this problem, teams will create and present a humorous performance about an original tall tale. The tale will include a team-created hero or heroine that performs an incredible feat, a unique explanation of how something began or came to be, and a surprise for the audience. Each event will be accompanied by a visual weather effect that represents an emotion.

Problem Captains: Felton Barnes & Natasha Peacock
Long Term Performance in the Cafeteria
Spontaneous in the 400 Wing



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PROBLEM 5



TALLER TALES OF JOHN JIVERY

Performance Schedule

Taller Tales of John Jivery Div III Long Term Location: Cafeteria Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing				
Long Term	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
9:00am	Magnet Innovation Center TMA	4404	Margaret Whitehead	11:20am
9:25am	North Bay Haven Charter Academy TMA	4130	Crystal Lund	10:40am

Taller Tales of John Jivery Div I Long Term Location: Cafeteria Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing				
Long Term	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
9:50am	North Bay Haven Charter Academy TMA	4132	Crystal Lund	1:00pm
10:15am	--Break			
10:35am	Freeport Elementary School TMA	5655	Cynthia Arnold	9:00am

Taller Tales of John Jivery Div II Long Term Location: Cafeteria Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing				
Long Term	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
11:00am	North Bay Haven Charter Academy TMA	4128	Tamara Nguyen	9:20am
11:25am	Ferry Pass Middle School TMA	5630	Cheri Stoker	9:00am

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SPONTANEOUS

Problem Captain: Jonathan Hughes
Located in the 400 Wing



Spectators are not permitted in the spontaneous problem room. Creativity and "thinking on our feet" are key components of the Odyssey program. All teams in the same division of the same Long-Term problem receive the same Spontaneous problem. Spontaneous problems must remain closely guarded secrets, known only to the participating team members until all team members have competed!

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SPECIAL AWARDS

OMER'S AWARD

The OMER's award is not intended to reward creativity, instead it is designed to recognize individuals or teams who exemplify the philosophy and spirit of Odyssey of the Mind. Criteria include exceptional talent, outstanding sportsmanship, and superior teamwork. Recipients of this award may nominate a candidate for this award, however, a team of tournament officials makes the final determination if the nominees receive this honor.



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The Renatra Fusca Creativity Award represents the essence of Odyssey of the Mind. It is presented by the judging team to a team or individuals who exhibit exceptional creativity. Success in solving the Long-Term problem is not a criterion for winning this award. This is designed to encourage risk taking in solving problems. This is the highest award presented in Odyssey of the Mind.

ABOUT US

We are the Emerald Coast region of the Florida Odyssey of the Mind Association (FLOMA). The Emerald Coast region is one of the ten regions of FLOMA. We cover the central time zone of the state. FLOMA is the largest Odyssey of the Mind association licensed by the international Odyssey headquarters, Creative Competitions, Inc.



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Odyssey of the Mind is made possible by approximately 20,000 volunteers worldwide including nearly 200 from the Emerald Coast Region of Florida. This diverse population with a variety of interests and cultures make up our worldwide family. Volunteers fulfill many roles in the program including coaching teams, helping at tournaments, judging solutions, and even running Odyssey of the Mind associations! There are important volunteer opportunities for whatever amount of time you have to give – for a day, a few weekends a year, or beyond. Thanks to the time our volunteers give of themselves Odyssey of the Mind is able to provide creative problem solving opportunities that develop the great minds of our future.

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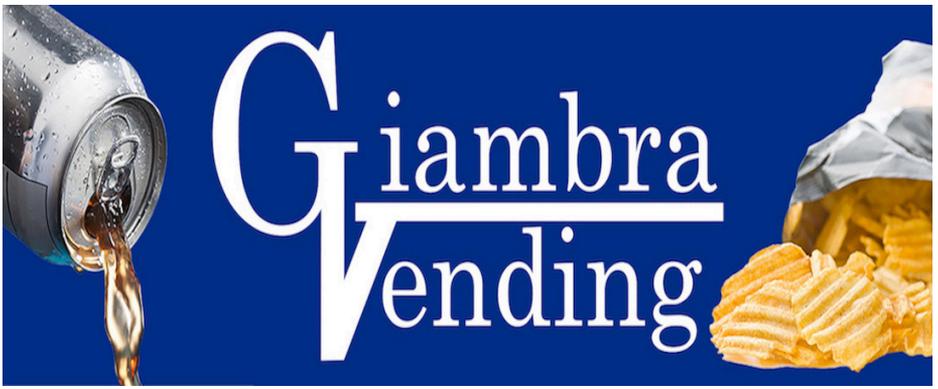
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