



# 2008-2009 Odyssey of the Mind



## Coaches' Checklist

### Things to do in October

- FOR NEW COACHES ONLY – Begin Clearances Process ASAP.** Follow steps outlined at [www.uscootm.com](http://www.uscootm.com) under Coaches' Info.
- On 10/6** – Attend first USC Coach to Coach meeting 7:30PM in Ceramics Room.
- Due 10/17** – Collect \$70 per team member. Checks should be made out to Long Term Coach.
- Due 10/24** – Email team meeting schedule (Thurs. 3-4PM) to [hessam42@aol.com](mailto:hessam42@aol.com)
- Due 10/24** – RSVP to [hessam42@aol.com](mailto:hessam42@aol.com) for Coaches' Café on 11/1. Indicate if you wish to carpool.
- Due 10/31** – Send one check for \$25 per team member (7 kids x \$25 = \$175) to Gerylyn Austin, 1504 Valley Court, USC, 15241. Make checks to **Boyce Middle School – Odyssey of the Mind.**
- Goals for October** – Set weekly meeting schedule. Meet at least twice with team. COMPLETE CLEARANCES PAPERWORK.

### Things to do in November

- On 11/1** – Attend Regional Coaches' Café, Keystone Oaks HS, 8:30AM-3PM.
- Before 11/3** – New coaches must turn in all Clearances paperwork.
- On 11/13** - Attend USC Coach-to-Coach meeting 7:30PM in Ceramics Room.
- Due 11/14** – Email list (include name and emails) of Volunteers to [hessam42@aol.com](mailto:hessam42@aol.com). Each team needs one Long Term Judge and one Spontaneous Judge, a Regional Tournament Volunteer and 2 USC event helpers.
- Due 11/14** - Remind team to submit clothing order and checks.
- On 11/15** – Attend workshop for coaches and parents by Angie Stokes of Carnegie Museum of Art.
- On 11/23** – Attend workshop by Billy Hartung on Acting Tips with your whole team.
- Due 11/30** – Division 1-3 ONLY - Email [hessam42@aol.com](mailto:hessam42@aol.com) your Long Term Problem choices - #1 and #2.
- Goals for November** – Pick your problem, attend some training, and get to know your team.

*Spontaneous Friday practices are being scheduled. Each team will be asked to attend one Friday session in the months of November, December and January.*

## Things to do in December

- On 12/11** – Attend USC Coach-to-Coach meeting 7:30 in Library MPR.
- On 12/13** – Attend workshop. Details TBD.
- Goals for December** – Help team make plans for scenery, costumes and script. Keep practicing Spontaneous problems.

## Things to do in January

- Due 1/2** – REGISTER ONLINE at [www.swpaodyssey.org](http://www.swpaodyssey.org) for the **Regional Tournament**. Make copies of the registration for your two judges to take to Judges' Training 2/7. Please forward your confirmation to [hessam42@aol.com](mailto:hessam42@aol.com).
- TBD** – Attend USC Coach-to-Coach meeting.
- Goals for January** – Keep meeting. Don't worry if you are still finding the direction the team wants to take. Ask for help if you need it.

## Things to do in February

- On 2/7** – Judges' Training. They need registration form and Long Term Problem details.
- On 2/21** – Spontaneous Fun Day – Linton Middle School, Penn Hills. We provide bus transportation for teams and coaches. More details to follow.
- TBD** – Attend USC Coach-to-Coach meeting.
- Goals for February** – Rehearse as much as possible – Premier is on 3/1.

## Things to do in March

- On 3/1** – Premier at USC High School
- On 3/7** – Regional Tournament at Moon Middle and High Schools
- On 3/22** – Odyssey Banquet
- Goals for March** – **Enjoy the performances! Thanks for all of your hard work!**

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