

# OMER'S WORLD NEWS



TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY, MAY 22-23, 2018 | ODYSSEY OF THE MIND 2018 WORLD FINALS | IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY



## Welcome to Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at Iowa State University

Iowa State University has a long history of appreciating the differences that make a community.

For 160 years, the university has been bringing together students and scholars from all over the nation and world to pursue a passion in learning.

The university will host the 39th annual Odyssey of the Mind World Finals May 23 through 26.

To get to the finals, thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and about 13 other countries participated in the program. This year, over 837 teams will compete in the world finals.

Ames has a population of over 66,000, though the majority is university students. In 2017, Iowa State's fall enrollment was just more than 36,000, which is the second largest in school history.

Even though Ames provides students with all the amenities of a larger community, it still has a small town friendly atmosphere.

### Fun Facts: ISU and Ames, Iowa

- The first graduating class had 26 people, only two of which were women, in 1872. This year more than 5,000 students graduated. Today, Iowa State estimated women make up 43 percent of the student body.
- The first computer, the Atanasoff Berry Computer, was invented by an Iowa State Professor from 1937 to 1942. An exhibit about the ABC computer is available at Durham Hall.
- The first and oldest building on the Iowa State Campus, the Farm House, was completed in 1861.
- George Washington Carver was Iowa State's first African American student and faculty member. Carver is commonly known for discovering over 300 uses for peanuts.
- Students and scholars from all 50 states and more than 120 countries come to Ames, Iowa to attend Iowa State University.
- Iowa State is home to the world's largest tornado simulator for wind energy research.

## LOVE PINS? WANT A WHOLE LOT MORE? COU raffles pins, shirts for great causes

What would you do for a pin collection featuring pins from around the world or a quilt of Odyssey shirts from every corner of the globe? What if all you had to do was buy a raffle ticket or two?! Creative Opportunities Unlimited (COU), the non-profit organization that helps fund travel and housing grants to teams (among other great services), will be raffling off **3** pin collections and **a quilt** made of Odyssey shirts this week with all proceeds going to scholarships, housing/travel grants, and association development grants to help enrich the Odyssey experience for OMer's everywhere. Sounds great, right?! Here's how you can participate...

**WHERE TO BUY TICKETS:** Tickets will be sold at all **Odyssey Souvenir sites during open hours.**

**TICKET PRICES:** Each ticket is **\$1.00.**

**WINNERS ANNOUNCED:** The winners of the raffle will be **displayed on the jumbotron in the Hilton Coliseum on Saturday before the awards ceremony starts. You must be there to win and claim your**

**prize at the stage prior to the start of the awards ceremony.**

Visit the website for more information at [www.creativeopportunities.org](http://www.creativeopportunities.org).



2018 COU Quilt

## Opening Ceremonies — Tickets required

Teams, coaches and anyone with housing packages will have reserved Opening Ceremonies tickets in their registration packets. All others will need to get reserved tickets for the Opening Ceremonies from the Odyssey of the Mind Information Booth at the Memorial Union on Wednesday by 5:30 p.m. Tickets will then be distributed from the lower south doors of Hilton Coliseum from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All seats are reserved.

### Restricted Items

■ All bags, backpacks, large cases, fanny packs and purses (larger than 10" by 10") are prohibited from the interior of Hilton Coliseum. Only items required for medical, family or childcare needs, or one 20 oz. unopened bottle of water will be allowed per person. All carried items and entrants are subject to search. Prohibited items must be returned to the owner's vehicle or discarded. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to, alcoholic beverages, coolers or containers, food and beverages, pets (with the exception of service animals used by disabled guests), strollers, toilet tissue, umbrellas and weapons.

## Get the App!

**STAY UP-TO-DATE ON ALL THAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE ODYSSEY OF THE MIND WORLD FINALS APP!**

■ Go to the App Store on your phone or tablet device and search for **OMER's World** or scan the QR code here!



## Team Photos

Plan to get your team photo taken during World Finals. All teams photographed will be in the yearbook.

Photos will be taken at the Creativity Festival (Lied Rec Center)

- Thursday: noon to 5 p.m.
- Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m. to noon

Photos will also be taken at Hilton Coliseum (Main Concourse)

- Wednesday: 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Team picture prices:

- 5x7 — \$10
- 8x10 — \$18
- Key Chain package — \$20 (includes a 5x7 team photo with two photo key chains)
- Odyssey Yearbook — \$22

# OMER Dining News

Your wristband is good for entry into the dining centers and special events.

**CONVERSATIONS DINING (OAK-ELM):**

Pink 1, Pink 2

**UNION DRIVE MARKETPLACE:**

Orange 1, Orange 2

**MEMORIAL UNION FOOD COURT:** Yellow

**SEASONS MARKETPLACE:** Red 1, Red 2, Yellow 2, Blue

## Tuesday, May 22

**BREAKFAST\*:** 8 a.m. – 9 a.m., (Seasons Marketplace Only)

**LUNCH\*:** 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., (Seasons Marketplace Only)

**DINNER:** 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

## Wednesday, May 23 -

## Saturday, May 26

**BREAKFAST:** 6:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**LUNCH:** 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**DINNER:** 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

## Sunday, May 27

**BREAKFAST:** 6 a.m. – 9 a.m.

**LUNCH\*\*:** 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. (Seasons Marketplace Only)

**DINNER\*\*:** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. (Seasons Marketplace Only)

## Monday, May 28

**BREAKFAST\*\* AT ESM:** 5 a.m. – 9 a.m. (East Side Market)

\* Only for those with a pre-conference package

\*\* Only for those with a post-conference package

Access to the all-you-care-to-eat dining facilities are limited to participants wearing wristbands and their guests purchasing meals.

## Dining Experience

Many special dietary needs (for example, a person with diabetes, or those who prefer a vegetarian diet), can be easily accommodated by choosing appropriately from the wide variety of choices that will be available at each meal. If you have a team member with a medically required dietary need (such as a food allergy), please contact Kallen Anderson via email (kallena@iastate.edu) or phone (515) 294-3812, with the team member's information and accommodation needs in advance of their arrival.

**GUEST DINING:** Off-campus teams as well as guests of those living on campus have various dining service opportunities while on campus competing or encouraging. Guests may dine at Conversations, Union Drive Marketplace, Friley and Seasons Marketplace and pay at the door at the dining facilities and eat with the team.



## NASA @ Odyssey of the Mind World Finals

Scientists, engineers, and educators share NASA's cutting-edge Earth and space science research and innovations at the 2018 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals. The NASA Science Talks bring science discoveries directly to your team! NASA Science Talks are open seating, with no ticket required.

**NASA Science Talks Schedule, located in Curtiss Hall Auditorium:**

### Thursday, May 24

**9 a.m.,** Seeing Earth from Space: Changes and Reflections on Earth as Viewed by Landsat

**10 a.m.,** NASA Goddard Space Flight Center Earth Sciences and Education

**11 a.m.,** Our Changing Planet

**Noon,** NASA Video Playlist

**1 p.m.,** ICESat-2: Trees, Ice, and Space Lasers

**2 p.m.,** Seeing Earth from Space: Changes and Reflections on Earth as Viewed by Landsat

**3 p.m.,** Tracking Soil Moisture from Space

Friday and Saturday Science Talks are offered as well. A full NASA Science Talks Schedule can be found on the Odyssey of the Mind website, [www.odysseyofthemind.com/wf2018/fun-things-to-do](http://www.odysseyofthemind.com/wf2018/fun-things-to-do).

NASA will also be at the Creativity Festival where you can view satellite images of Earth and more! **Creativity Festival opens on Thursday, May 24 starting at Noon, at the Lied Rec Center.**

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# Prop storage and delivery information

## If you shipped props ahead of time:

Props will be delivered to each competition site on Tuesday, May 22, and access will be available beginning on Wednesday. During registration, staff will be on hand at the prop information booth at the Stephens Building at the following times:

**Tuesday, May 22:** 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 23:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Thursday and Friday, the prop information booth will be located in the Memorial Union at the following times:

**Thursday, May 24:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (In the Memorial Union)

**Friday, May 25:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (In the Memorial Union)

Teams may inquire with staff at either location if props are not in the designated storage area. If an oversized prop was shipped and cannot be located in prop storage, inquire with the staff at either of these sites or call (515) 290-7189.

## If you brought items with you:

For props that travel with you, participants must load and unload their own props. Please note there is a 15-minute parking time limit for designated prop drop-off areas. Special needs? Please call (515)290-7189.

\* For delivering props to competition sites at Gerdin, Troxel and LeBaron/MacKay, note that props cannot be delivered until after 3:30 p.m.

## Prop return shipments:

You will need to pre-arrange for prepaid or C.O.D.

shipment of any materials that you want shipped back to you. Return labels must be picked up in advance at the Prop Information desk. All returns must be processed through the Prop Information desk. All return goods must have a return label attached. ISU will not be responsible for returns left without proper paperwork. **The deadline for material to be picked up for return to Central Stores is Noon, Saturday, May 26.**

For further information, please call (515) 290-7189 and ask for shipping and receiving information. Riders will not be allowed in the rear of any delivery truck.

**Important Information:** Access to Osborne Drive is not available until **after 3:30 p.m.**

# Q&A with Max Mansfield Membership Award Recipient, South Korea



South Korea Team, 2016 Opening Ceremonies

South Korea is this year's winner of the Max Mansfield Award. The award was created by Creative Competitions, Inc., in recognition of membership growth. South Korea's Association Directors Royce Young Hyun Back & In Suk Kim shared their thoughts on receiving this year's award:

**Q.** Do you have any advice for increasing memberships for associations? What does your association do to help increase Odyssey members?

**A.** Odyssey of the Mind is the world's best creativity education program which was designed and developed to support children to achieve their dreams and goals.

We have developed an online education solution based on adventure animation and supplied it to kindergartens and elementary schools so that many Korean students can enjoy and experience such a superior program. We aim to help students. Coaches will not find this program difficult. This online education solution could expand Odyssey of the Mind for many students in Korea.

**Q.** Why do you think it is important to grow Odyssey of the Mind's memberships?

**A.** As the global world is connected closely in the network in this 21st century, it's important to develop the creativity of group, rather than individuals. The core abilities that are necessary for young students: teamwork to resolve problems, challenge spirit to keep courage up, be a pathbreaker while struggling with hardships and develop imaginative power.

Odyssey of the Mind is an outstanding system which suggests ways for students to take further steps in their upcoming future. We will do our best so that the Odyssey of the Mind Education Program will be expanded in the future.

**Q.** How does it feel to win the Max Mansfield Membership Award?

**A.** We just tried to work hard to share and expand Odyssey of the Mind with Korean students. We did not expect to get an award for that. It's such a great honor and pleasure. All Odyssey of the Mind staff in Korea are pleased. We promise that we will do our best to spread Odyssey of the Mind even more in future.

This award is Creative Competitions Inc.'s way of honoring Max Mansfield's years of service to the program as well as to recognize Odyssey of the Mind associations attempting to do the same.



South Korea Association Directors, Royce Young Hyun Back (left) and In Suk Kim (right)

# Ride for free on CyRide

CyRide, the city's public transit system, will operate a free bus service throughout the competition, connecting the residence halls, central campus and the Iowa State Center. CyRide will also offer free rides throughout Ames for the Odyssey of the Mind participants and coaches wearing their wristbands.

## The following routes will serve competition sites during World Finals:

- A Route (Orange) will run one direction through campus stopping at the Iowa State Center, Maple-Willow-Larch Residence Halls, Lied Recreation Center, Forker, Troxel, Lebaron, Music, Memorial Union, and Gerdin. Please see next page for the hours of service each day.
- B Route (Blue) will run both directions stopping at Iowa State Center, Buchanan, Geoffrey, Memorial Union, Union Drive Community Center, and State Gym. Please see next page for the hours of service each day.
- D Route (Cardinal) will run to Frederiksen Court stopping to pick up on the east side of the Hawthorn Café, and also making stops at Music, Memorial Union, Gerdin, Forker Building, Troxel, MacKay, and Lebaron. Please see next page for the hours of service each day.

## CyRide buses will be running during the following times:

- Tuesday, May 22: 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 23: 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 24: 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 25: 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 26: 6:30 a.m. to 1 a.m.
- Sunday, May 27: 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. (No Hotel Route to campus)

Throughout competition and special events, buses will run approximately every 15 minutes. Other times, every 20 minutes.

# Health and safety services

For a quick and smooth visit to any of these facilities, be sure to have your health form filled out and ready before visiting.

## Thielen Student Health Center

- Phone number: (515) 294-5801
- Hours: Tuesday through  
Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Thielen Student Health Center is located on the corner of Union Drive and Sheldon (west edge of campus, directly west of Beyer Hall, across the street from State Gym). First-aid and other minor illness care are included in your fees.

## First Nurse Phone Line

First Nurse is a free health-information community service that allows you to speak with a specially trained registered nurse by calling the phone line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at (515) 239-6877 or toll-free at (800) 524-6877.

## McFarland After Hours Care Clinic

This clinic provides care for acute, non-emergent health problems or injuries that require immediate attention. The clinic is available during evenings and weekends by appointment only.

To schedule your same-day appointment, please call (515) 956-4044. The clinic is located in the Family Medicine East location at 1018

Duff Avenue. Hours are weeknights from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and weekends from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Emergency Care

Medical care is also available through the emergency room at Mary Greeley Medical Center, located at Duff Avenue and 12th Street in Ames. In case of an emergency, dial 911.

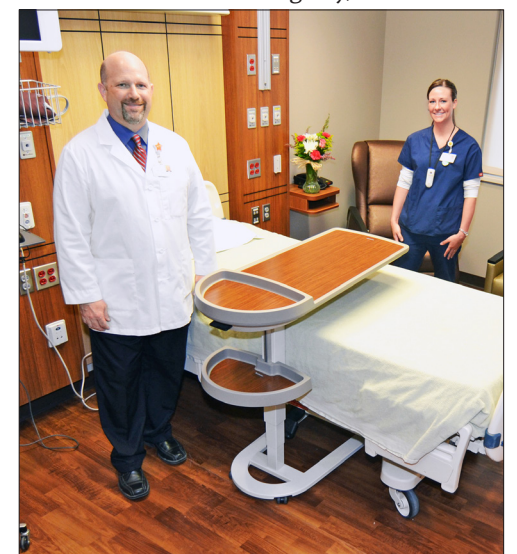


Photo by Mary Greeley Medical Center

## Social Media

**FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com/OdysseyHQ](http://www.facebook.com/OdysseyHQ) • **TWITTER:** @OdysseyHQ • **HASHTAG:** #odysseywf

### Important phone numbers for the 2018 World Finals

**EMERGENCY ONLY:**

(fire, police, ambulance) 911  
The local area code for Ames is 515

**ISU POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY:**

(515) 294-4428

**ISU/AMES INFORMATION CENTER:**

(515) 294-3728

**ODYSSEY OF THE MIND INFORMATION:**

(515) 294-3750

**PROP STORAGE INFORMATION:**

(515) 294-3778

**ISU'S HELP VAN:** (515) 294-4444 or 4-4444  
(from a campus telephone)

**CAMPUS INFORMATION CENTER:**

(515) 294-4357 (294-HELP)

**ISU THIELEN STUDENT HEALTH CENTER:**

(515) 294-5801

**MCFARLAND AFTER HOURS CARE CLINIC:**

(515) 956-4044

**MARY GREELEY MEDICAL CENTER (NON-EMERGENCY SITUATIONS):** (515) 239-2011

## Residence Hall and Frederiksen Court Updates

We hope you are enjoying your stay in our ISU residence halls and apartments. It is fun to see so many participants excited about their "Problems" and we love your colorful pins, hats, feather boas, shirts, etc.! Here are few reminders that can help make everyone's stay more enjoyable.

- A courtesy policy is in effect during Odyssey of the Mind World Finals. Noise that can be heard outside a closed room or apartment may be considered too loud by your neighbors. Please help everyone enjoy their stay by maintaining appropriate sound levels within your team.

- For safety reasons, removal of window screens (where present) is prohibited.

- If you need to do any last-minute touch-ups to your props that could potentially be a bit messy, please protect our floors and walls and

take project work outside if possible (a must if spraying anything).

Feel free to stop at your 24-Hour Conference Desk in your area for information. Refer to the handout your team coach received describing the desk services. We are eager to help in any way we can!



## Odyssey World Finals Schedule

### Tuesday, May 22, 2018

**2 p.m. to Midnight:** Team Registration and Housing Check-In, Stephens, 2nd floor

**2 p.m. to 9 p.m.:** Souvenir Sales, Stephens, Ground Floor

### Wednesday, May 23, 2018

**Noon to Midnight:** Team Registration and Housing Check-In, Stephens, 2nd floor

**9 a.m. to 6 p.m.:** Souvenir Sales, Stephens, Ground Floor

**9 a.m. to 5 p.m.:** Souvenir Sales, Memorial Union, Campanile Room

**\*7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.:** Opening Ceremonies, Hilton Coliseum. \*Line-up in east tunnel at 6:45 p.m.

### Thursday, May 24, 2018

**8 a.m. to noon:** Team Registration and Housing Check-In, Stephens, 2nd floor, then moves to the Memorial Union for the rest of the day (at Odyssey Information Desk)

**9 a.m. to 5 p.m.:** Souvenir Sales, Memorial Union, Campanile Room

**10 a.m. to 7 p.m.:** World Finals Competition: Various Locations

**Noon to 5 p.m.:** Souvenir Sales, Lied Recreation Center

**Noon - 5 p.m.:** Creativity Festival, Lied Recreation Center

**9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.:** NASA Science Talks and Classroom Activities, Curtiss Hall

**1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.:** Dr. Sam's Book Signing, Memorial Union, Campanile Room

**\*7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.:** Float and Banner Parade, Hilton Coliseum. \*Line-up in tunnel area at 6:45 p.m.

## Be a hero in your community! Odyssey Angels challenge you

The Odyssey Angels program challenges students to use creative problem-solving abilities to help aspects of the community that are commonly overlooked.

Each year a team is selected to attend Odyssey of the Mind World Finals to present what it did to help benefit the community and is recognized at the opening ceremony.

This year's chosen team is from Big Cypress Elementary School in Naples, Florida. This team helped comfort the

homeless in its community by making and giving away sleeping mats. These mats were made on looms handcrafted by the team using plastic yarn (plarn) from recycled shopping bags

They've also taught this assembly technique to their local Easter Seals organization, occupational therapy students from Keiser University and more.

Through the use of discarded materials, building and improving their own tools,

and helping spread the project throughout their community, they've shown an amazing display of how to apply creative problem-solving to real-world issues.

Big Cypress Elementary will be showcasing their project at the Odyssey Angels booth at the Creativity Festival. Come visit them and see how you can make a plarn mat to be donated locally in Ames.

## Wireless Internet during your visit

Iowa State University Information Technology Services provides guest access so visitors can browse the Internet and check their email, while they are on campus. Please follow these steps to access the Internet.

1. Choose the ISUguest wireless network.
2. Open a web browser. If the ISU NetReg page does not automatically appear, enter netreg.iastate.edu into the address bar and press Enter.
3. Select the specific event you are attending (Odyssey of the Mind World Finals) and select "Register Here" or select "Guest Registration Here".
4. Enter your local contact information and select "Next".
5. Read the terms and select "I Agree".
6. Reboot your computer when instructed to do so (approximately a one-minute wait) to complete your registration process.

Questions may be directed to the IT Services Solution Center at 515.294.4000, [solution@iastate.edu](mailto:solution@iastate.edu) or 195 Durham Center.

## Recreation facilities offer opportunities for fun

Do you need to work off those pre-competition jitters or just want to have some fun? Then Iowa State Recreation Services has just the solution for you — loads of recreational activities on campus.

### STATE GYM AND POOL:

The State Gym Complex offers opportunities to play basketball, volleyball and badminton. There is also a climbing wall, an indoor 25-person spa and a swimming pool with a three-meter diving platform, lap lanes, areas for water basketball and water volleyball and a television.

### MEMORIAL UNION RECREATION CENTER:

Memorial Union (MU) Recreation Center, located in the basement of MU, will give you a chance to enjoy some additional entertainment activities. The recreation center has nine pool tables, eight bowling lanes, chess and checker tables, darts, air hockey, foosball games, and more than 25 arcade games. You can bowl, shoot some pool, or do other activities at the MU during the scheduled time for FREE!

### RECREATION FIELDS:

If you're in the mood for some fun outdoors, head out to the recreation fields located next to both the Towers Residence Hall and the Maple-Willow-Larch Complex. These fields are made for football, soccer, lacrosse, and many more activities.

### AMES FURMAN AQUATIC CENTER:

The Ames Furman Aquatic Center is an outdoor facility that includes a 550-foot lazy river with a cascading waterfall and two water slides. The adjacent 50-meter pool includes a 150-foot drop slide plus one-meter and three-meter diving boards. Don't forget to bring your own towel and sunscreen.

From campus, CyRide Aqua route departs from State Gym and is available Saturday to provide transportation to the aquatic center.

## Recreation hours:

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 23:

**9 a.m. to 6 p.m.** – State Gym

**Noon to 5 p.m.** – State Gym Pool

**Noon to 5 p.m.** – Memorial Union Underground

**1 p.m. to 5 p.m.** – State Gym Rock Climbing Wall

**9 p.m. to 11 p.m.** – Teen Program, Division 3 and 4, State Gym, Pool

### THURSDAY, MAY 24:

**9 a.m. to 6 p.m.** – State Gym

**Noon to 5 p.m.** – State Gym Pool

**Noon to 5 p.m.** – Memorial Union Underground

**1 p.m. to 5 p.m.** – State Gym Rock Climbing Wall

**2 p.m. to 5 p.m.** – Ames Furman Aquatic Center (don't forget to bring a towel!)

**9 p.m. to 11 p.m.** – Teen Program, Division 3 and 4, State Gym, Pool