



THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018 | ODYSSEY OF THE MIND 2018 WORLD FINALS | IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

# OPENING CEREMONIES



Participants celebrate the Odyssey of the Mind Opening Ceremonies on May 23, 2018. PHOTO BY JACKIE NORMAN/IOWA STATE DAILY

The Opening Ceremonies for the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals kicked off at Hilton Coliseum Wednesday, and brought together students from all over the globe. This is the 10th Odyssey of the Mind that has been held at Iowa State.

These participants, almost as soon as they entered the stadium, were screaming in excitement over Iowa State's mascot, Cy. They were equally entertained when welcoming the mascot of Odyssey of the Mind: OMER the Raccoon.

OMER proceeded to lead teams from Canada, China, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Poland, Qatar, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland and nearly every state around the stage.

Two awards were given during the opening ceremonies. The Spirit Award, an award given to one volunteer who shows exceptional values, and the Max Mansfield Award, which is given to countries or states that have shown the greatest membership growth.

The Spirit Award was given to Wojtek Radziwilowicz, a volunteer from Poland and the Max Mansfield award was given to South Korea.

Attendees were told to take advantage of pin trading on campus, which served as a way to meet new people.

John Lawrence, President of Extension and Outreach at Iowa State told the crowd, for the time being, they are honorary Cyclones. This title would include great spirit and a pursuit

in science and creativity, Lawrence said.

Before the ceremony finished, participants were wished good luck and gave the Odyssey of the Mind pledge.

In addition, this year's Odyssey Angels were also recognized for helping the homeless by turning plastic bags into sleeping mats for the homeless.

As always, Dr. Sam told the participants he was proud of them and declared, "Let the Games Begin!"

## Creativity Festival opens at noon!

The Odyssey of the Mind 39th World Finals is hosting the Creativity Festival, which takes place Thursday, May 24 and goes through Saturday, May 26 in the Lied Recreational Center.

The Creativity Festival runs from noon to 5 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

The festival provides a wide variety of interactive booths, OMER's pins, Odyssey Angels, creative challenges and more! Students can also enjoy a variety of shows.

The shows will include a hypnotist that will take volunteers on rockets to Mars and a magic show on Thursday and Friday. The magician will be performing comedy, magic and illusions.

### Activities are as follows:

- Hypnotist Show
- Magic Show
- Face Painting
- Disc Jockey
- Hands-on Workshops
- Caricature Artist
- Yard Games
- Team Booths
- Bag Toss & Giant Jenga
- Table Tennis & Badminton
- Souvenir sales



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# Float and Banner Parade is tonight

Don't miss out on this year's Odyssey of the Mind Float and Banner Parade this evening inside Iowa State University's Hilton Coliseum.

World Finalists will display their creativity and pride for their home state/country by creating intricate floats and banners to be paraded in front of thousands. Spectators will have fun learning about the many different cultures involved with Odyssey of the Mind from across the globe. The parade will begin at 7:30 p.m. Awards will be given for the top ten most creative floats and banners following the parade. Come cheer on your home state or country at this year's Odyssey of the Mind Float and Banner Parade.



2016 Float & Banner Parade

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# 2018 Odyssey of the Mind Spirit Award

The Odyssey of the Mind Spirit Award is presented to an individual involved in the Odyssey of the Mind program who, through personal action, demonstrates the encouragement and development of cooperation, self-respect, and the appreciation and understanding of others. This year, the 2018 Odyssey Spirit Award Winner is Wojtek Radziwilowicz, from Sopot, Poland.

Wojtek was first involved in Odyssey of the Mind as a team member back during his high school years in the mid-nineties. He realized then how much he was getting out of the program and decided he wanted to share with others and essentially "pay it forward." Wojtek became a coach, including having the honor of coaching one of the first two teams from Poland to become World Champions in 2001. He then became a judge, a tournament director, and an association director helping to grow the Odyssey of the Mind competitions in Poland. Wojtek has also helped with CCI to develop Odyssey of the Mind programs for other countries.

At this year's World Finals in Ames, Wojtek is assisting with International Registration, is an



Wojtek with two of his "American Moms" (pictured left to right: Chris Eaton, Arizona; Wojtek Radziwilowicz, Poland; Paula Mittner, Michigan)  
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International Host and will be at Spontaneous Competition as an interpreter.

Wojtek's acceptance of the award truly speaks to the Odyssey spirit, "I have been blessed to meet so many amazing people from all over the world. What brings everybody together is authenticity...people are looking for the true in everything. The true in education, in efforts, in passions. All of that authenticity is found in Odyssey of the Mind." Wojtek also quoted a middle school team member from Poland, Zuzanna Golebska, "Odyssey of the Mind is not a competition, it is a way of life." He went on to say that he believes in that quote as well, "Odyssey is a way of life and Odyssey is family. The program and people are my international family. It is an honor to receive this award."

# Odyssey of the Mind, ISU Partner to 'Live Green'

Iowa State University welcomes all the students participating in Odyssey of the Mind. As a resident on the campus you are now a part of Iowa State's Live Green! Initiative — a competition to be the greenest campus we can be.

We challenge you to leave as little an impact on the campus as possible by taking some simple steps that will keep Iowa State clean and healthy for future visitors. While you are competing to be the most creative and innovative, also consider how you can be the greenest.

Here is how you can help:

**RECYCLE:** All competition sites will have the opportunity to recycle rigid cardboard, plastic bottles and aluminum cans. Please look for recycling containers and collection areas and use them often. Simply picking up a stray piece of trash from the ground and placing it in the trash helps to keep the campus looking its best.

**RENEW:** Make sure to leave your prop as-

sembly area and competition site looking like you were never there...leave only footprints. This also includes other places on campus you may visit, such as your living quarters or the surrounding lawns.

**REDUCE:** Whenever you can reduce your ecological footprint...use only the water and electricity and resources that you need. This includes turning off the water while you're brushing your teeth. If you see lights left on, turn them off, if you see a leaky faucet or toilet, please report to your residence hall front desk, and at mealtimes take only the food that you can finish.

**RE-MODEL:** Be a role model in all of your actions while you are here to help others understand and learn from you how to walk softly on the planet.

Thank you for supporting Iowa State's Live Green! efforts. Good luck in your competitions. We are proud to be a supporter of Odyssey of the Mind.

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## 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

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



## There's an App for that!

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



## Social Media

FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/OdysseyHQ](http://www.facebook.com/OdysseyHQ)

• TWITTER: @OdysseyHQ

• HASHTAG: #odysseywf

## 2018 Competition Keepsakes



Odyssey of the Mind souvenirs will be on sale throughout the event.  
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One of the great ways to remember your time at World Finals is to purchase souvenirs for yourself or as gifts for family and friends. Just remember to set aside a good amount of time to look through the variety of clothing items, drinkware, pins and so much more.

Odyssey of the Mind World Finals souvenirs will be on sale this week at Lied Rec Center, the Campanile Room at the Memorial Union and at Stephens Auditorium. Michael Dobos, product and shipping manager, said he's expecting the "hot" new items, such as

athletic shorts, spinner OMER emoji pins and pin collection totes, to be very popular and possibly sell out by the end of the week. After speaking with salespeople at Stephens on opening day, the light up bracelets, pins and pin trading towels are already flying off the tables.

For every \$20 spent at the souvenir shop, you can earn an OMER dollar which can be spent on sale items on Saturday. This is also the day that special discount items and souvenirs from past years can be purchased.

## Movement: Wind, Waves & Light Sculptures at Reiman Gardens

Explore movement at Reiman Gardens with their Wind, Waves and Light Sculpture Exhibit featuring 13 kinetic sculptures designed to explore space, time, and the dynamic relationship of objects in motion. The choreography of each piece is governed by a set of basic movements, facilitated by an arrangement of aerodynamic surfaces connected by rotational points. The sculptures are made of stainless steel, and the reflective qualities integrate each sculpture into its environment. Wind speed and direction, shades of light, time of day, precipitation, and seasonal color transform the qualities of light and movement of the sculptures.

The artist behind the sculptures is George Sherwood, an award-winning American sculptor, born and raised in the coastal town of

Fairfield, Connecticut. He now lives and works in Ipswich, Massachusetts, and holds degrees in both art and engineering.

Be moved by extraordinary planting displays in every nook of Reiman Gardens, from the cascading colors of 50,000 spring tulips and the vibrating textures of summer flowers in outdoor beds, to the sway of ornamental grasses and autumn foliage waving and transforming with the forces of nature through time.



Memory of Water by George Sherwood  
PHOTO BY NICOLE ONKEN/AMES CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

### Reiman Gardens

**LOCATION:** 1407 University Blvd., just south of Jack Trice Stadium.

**HOURS:** 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily

**ADMISSION:** Children under 2: free, ages 2-12: \$4.50, adults age 18-64: \$9, seniors age 65 and above: \$8

**MORE INFORMATION:** [reimangardens.com](http://reimangardens.com)

## Please park in designated parking areas

It's a beautiful campus and a busy place, so we've tried to make it user-friendly and enjoyable for everyone. If your team is living in residence housing on campus, you will be able to park in a designated lot, which you'll be directed to at registration. Lots are by permit only and you will receive your permit once you register.

Those who are not staying in the residence halls should park at the Iowa State Center lots south of Hilton Coliseum. There is no charge for parking in this area and a free Odyssey of the Mind CyRide, A (orange) route and B (blue) route, is provided to central campus. Additional parking adjacent to central campus is available at the Memorial Union parking ramp and East Campus Parking Deck, which does have an hourly charge.

If your team chartered a coach to bring you to Ames, the charter should park in the general lots south of the Iowa State Center. Due to construction, charters will have no access to campus this year. Parking or holding is not allowed for buses on central campus. Groups should plan to walk or take a shuttle to the Iowa State Center to meet and board their charter bus. Be sure to exchange cell phone numbers with your driver in case either of you need to reach each other.

Please keep in mind that Iowa State University summer classes will be in session during the week of this event.

### 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

### Thursday, May 24 - 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.

### Get in the Yearbook!

Don't miss out of your chance to appear in the Odyssey Yearbook! Have your picture taken at the Premier Portraits booths.



2016 Odyssey Yearbook  
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



## 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 HELPVAN:** (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

# Odyssey World Finals Schedule

## 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. - 5 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.

## Friday, May 25, 2018

**7 a.m. to 6 p.m.:** World Finals Competition: Various Locations

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

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

**9 a.m. - 5 p.m.:** NASA Science Talks and Classroom Activities, Curtiss Hall

**1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.:** Dr. Sam's Book Signing, Lied Recreation Center

**\*7 p.m. - 9 p.m.:** Graduation/Coaches Competition, Hilton Coliseum \*Line-up in tunnel area at 6:30 p.m.

# Meet Mabry King, Founder of the Buddy Teams Program

**B**uddy Teams are an Odyssey of the Mind World Finals tradition. This program pairs teams from the United States and Canada with international teams from around the globe. Buddy Teams welcome their international teams, learn about new cultures, plan outings or excursions together and exchange small gifts with each other. The program was started in 1992-1993 by Mabry King. She is attending this year's World Finals as a guest.

King got her start with Odyssey of the Mind in the late 1970s and early 1980s as teacher in the state of Georgia, where she taught a talented and gifted class. King attended a workshop hosted by Odyssey of the Mind founder Dr. C. Samuel Micklus (you might know him as Dr. Sam), and from there she was hooked. Within the next year or so, she formed her first team with her Georgia students.

King then moved to England to teach at the Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DoDDS). She brought the concept of Odyssey of the Mind over with her, and it soon became a popular program.

"I had the only association that ever had 100 percent membership," said King. "All forty-four schools in the association were members. The kids and parents loved it."

Because King had experience living overseas, she noticed problems and concerns that people had when they were outside of their home county. She brought that perspective with her when she joined the Odyssey of the Mind organization.

"I saw a real need for something for those



**Buddy Teams Founder, Mabry King**  
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students that are coming overseas, to have a program that would help them deal with cultural differences and a new society. That's why I began the Buddy Teams program," said King.

The first year, only two international teams from Japan participated, and King managed the program herself. Now dozens of teams from all over the globe participate, and a team manages the organizing and logistics.

King is happy to see how successful and beloved the program she created is to OMerS.

"The program brings people together, forms friendships and drops barriers," said King. "It's such a delight to stand back and watch it happen."

## COU Raffle Tickets Available at both Souvenir Sales sites!



2018 COU Raffle Quilt CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## Post Office Hours:

**STANTON AVE POST OFFICE:** Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.  
(119 Stanton Ave)

**MEMORIAL UNION:** Drop box only

## Postcards:

Pick up a 2018 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals postcard at the Ames/ISU Information Desk at the Memorial Union.



2018 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals Postcard  
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## Recreation facilities offer opportunities for fun

**D**o 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:

### 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

### FRIDAY, MAY 25:

**9 a.m. to 6 p.m.** – State Gym and Rock Climbing Wall

**Noon to 5 p.m.** – State Gym Pool

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

**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