

# Odyssey of the Mind 2017-2018



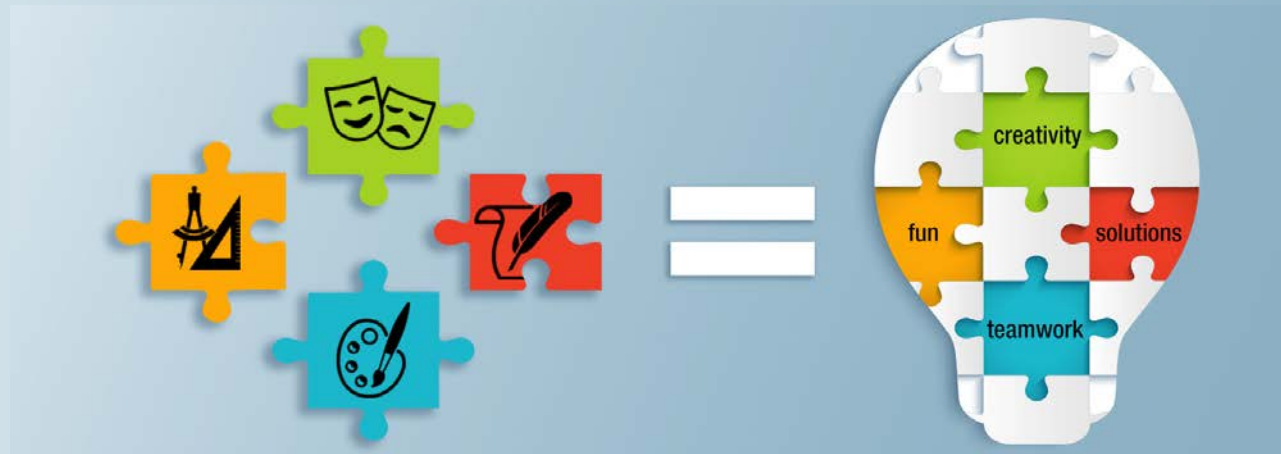
CVUSD Information Meeting

# WHO ARE WE?

- Katherine Loberg competed in Odyssey of the Mind in Texas in the 1990s and became a volunteer coach in 2013 when the program came to Lang Ranch Elementary. She has coached 4 different teams, taken a team to world finals twice, taught a seminar on outside assistance for the LA Basin Region, represented Odyssey of the Mind on an episode of Storage Wars and now assists with the planning of the LA Basin regional tournament.
- Julie Freedman has been a longtime volunteer in the Conejo Valley, GATE DAC rep for Sequoia MS, an OotM parent for her son (2008-2011) and last year a coach for her daughters' team. She is now assisting with the planning of the LA Basin regional tournament

# WHAT IS ODYSSEY OF THE MIND?

- Odyssey of the Mind is the original creative problem solving competition started in the 1970's
- It challenges students to see problems from a different perspective and it rewards ingenuity of thinking.
- It is an International competition for students from Kindergarten through college.



# LONG-TERM PROBLEMS

- **Problem 1: Vehicle** - Triathlon Travels
- **Problem 2: Technical** - Emoji, Speak for Yourself
- **Problem 3: Classics** - Mockumentary! Seriously?
- **Problem 4: Structure** - Animal House
- **Problem 5: Theatrical** - A Stellar Hangout
- **Primary (K-2<sup>nd</sup>)**: We're Cooking Now

# HOW IS OOTM SCORED?

- **Long-Term Problem** (200 pts)
  - Specific Rules
  - Open Ended
  - All Solutions Presented in Skit Form (8 minutes)
- **Spontaneous** (100 pts)
  - On the Spot
  - Anything Goes
  - 3 Types: Verbal, Hands-on, Hybrid
- **Style** (50 pts)
  - Elaboration of Long-Term
  - Pizzazz, Sparkle, Polish
  - Team Chosen Elements

# WHAT MIGHT MY CHILD LEARN?

- Creative Problem Solving Skills
  - **Technical Skills:** New tools (saws, power drills, glue guns)
  - **Art:** New techniques, creativity
  - **Sewing**
  - **Set Design**
  - **Script Writing**
- Life Skills
  - **Team Work**
  - **Communication:** how to be heard, how to listen
  - **Compromise**
  - **Failure:** how plan B, C or D is sometimes better than plan A

# WHAT YOUR CHILD'S TEAM WILL DO

- Write an 8 minute script to present a solution to the Long-Term problem.
- Create costumes, props and sets.
- This is THEIR solution and completed WITHOUT the assistance of the parents or coaches.

# OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

- **No person outside of the team may offer ideas or build things for your team.**  
All ideas, costumes, props, etc. must come from the team.
- **How do I get a penalty for this?**
  - Tournament Help
  - Team Member Change
- **What can you do to help?**
  - Arrange Transportation
  - Pick Up Supplies
  - Ask Questions!
  - Arrange for Your Team to Learn Various Skills
  - Become a JUDGE
  - Volunteer at the Tournament



**ODYSSEY FUN**









**Agenda** RIVERSIDE  
All Problems 8am - 4pm

Problem	Time
PROBLEM 1	8:00 - 8:30
PROBLEM 2	8:30 - 9:00
PROBLEM 3	9:00 - 9:30
PROBLEM 4	9:30 - 10:00
PROBLEM 5	10:00 - 10:30
PROBLEM 6	10:30 - 11:00
PROBLEM 7	11:00 - 11:30
PROBLEM 8	11:30 - 12:00
PROBLEM 9	12:00 - 12:30
PROBLEM 10	12:30 - 1:00
PROBLEM 11	1:00 - 1:30
PROBLEM 12	1:30 - 2:00
PROBLEM 13	2:00 - 2:30
PROBLEM 14	2:30 - 3:00
PROBLEM 15	3:00 - 3:30
PROBLEM 16	3:30 - 4:00









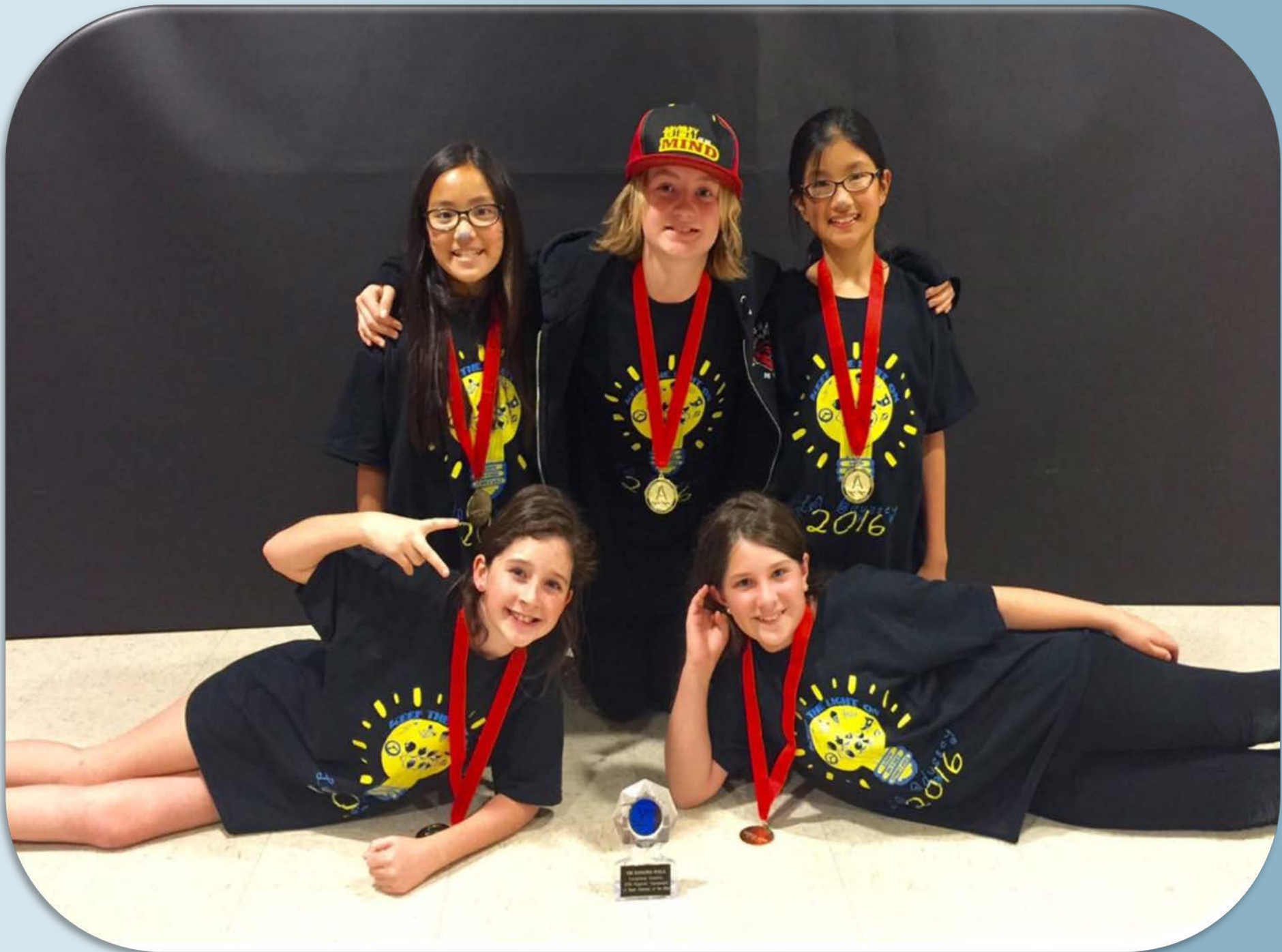






LA BASIN  
Tournament  
FEBRUARY 25<sup>th</sup>

To Be Continued: A Superhero Cliffhang

















**NEXT STEPS**

# WHAT ARE THE COST?

- **National Membership:** \$145, covers 5 to 6 teams at a school
- **State Membership:** \$75, covers the same 5 to 6 teams at a school
- **Regional Tournament Registration:** \$70 per team
- **Long-Term Problem Budget:** \$120-\$145 per team
- **Tournament T-Shirts (optional):** \$15 per student
- **State Tournament:** No registration, TRAVEL cost only
- **World Finals:** No registration, TRAVEL cost only

# Competition Dates

- **Regional Tournament**

- February 24, 2018
- At Westlake High School
- Top 1 or 2 teams will advance to the State Competition

- **State Tournament**

- March 24, 2018
- At UC Riverside
- Top 1 or 2 teams will advance to the World Finals

- **World Finals**

- May 22-27, 2018
- Iowa State University

# HOW WE CAN HELP IF YOU COACH?

- **TRAINING:** Coaches training will be offered to all new & returning coaches. We are also happy to meet with you one on one and answer specific questions.
- **MAILING LIST:** We will send out reminder e-mails on upcoming due dates, timelines and more.
- **CV MESSAGE BOARD:** We have set up a message board for CV Coaches to share information, ask questions, etc.
- **SAMPLES:** We have a google drive folder that has SAMPLES of all the forms and how to fill them out.

# NOW WHAT?

- **PARTICIPANTS:** Check with your school to see if they have an OotM coordinator
  - YES – Contact the coordinator for next steps.
  - NO – Please leave your information on the interest form up front. We will get all interested parties in touch.
- **COACHES:** Please leave your name and e-mail with us. We will be sending out dates, links to resources and more.
- **JUDGES:** Please leave your name and e-mail with us and we will contact you with more information.

