



# PIEDMONT ODYSSEY OF THE MIND 2025-2026

## THINK CREATIVELY!

Through solving open-ended problems, students develop creative-thinking skills that can be applied to real-life situations. Each year, tens of thousands of students take part in Odyssey of the Mind, the original STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) education program established in 1978. Schools and organizations form teams of five to seven students in the fall. The students work developing a solution to their selected long-term problem, which varies from building mechanical devices such as spring-driven vehicles to engineering weight bearing balsa wood structures to giving their own interpretation of literary classics. Each problem comes with specific guidelines including a cost limit, time limit, and scoring rubric. All aspects of the solution including costumes, props, scenery, and technical devices must be original creations of the students. The teams present their solutions at a regional and a state tournament that is hosted by the Oklahoma State University Honors College. The day of competition, teams also receive a secret spontaneous problem which emphasizes teamwork and quick-thinking. In the last three years alone, Oklahoma State University has awarded over \$75,000 in scholarships to high school students celebrating their successes at the state tournament. The top teams at the state tournament advance to compete at World Finals and meet up with thousands of students from across the United States and dozens of countries around the world!

## LEARN MORE

Piedmont Odyssey of the Mind is looking for creative, smart, entertaining people to participate. We currently have teams forming for students from 3rd through 12th grade. Last year Piedmont OM proudly had five teams qualify for World Finals in four unique problems. If you are interested in joining/forming an Odyssey of the Mind team we are excited to share information with you. We will be holding a meeting on Tuesday September 9th at 6:30pm in the Piedmont Veterans Event Center (170 Edmond Rd. NW Piedmont) for parents, students and anyone interested in learning more about the Odyssey of the Mind program. If you are unable to attend, please email [piedmontootm@gmail.com](mailto:piedmontootm@gmail.com).

## IT'S ABOUT SKILLS

- Budgeting
- Critical Thinking
- Engineering
- Leadership
- Music
- Performing Arts
- Project Management
- Public Speaking
- Risk Taking
- Sportsmanship
- Teamwork
- Technical
- Computer Programming
- Theatrical/Acting
- Time Management
- Visual Arts
- Work Ethic
- Writing

# LEARN MORE AT OUR INFORMATIONAL MEETING TUESDAY SEPT 9th at 6:30pm

Piedmont Area Veterans Event Center - 170 Edmond Rd. NW - Piedmont, OK

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