

# Vermont Odyssey of the Mind

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## Our 30<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Season – You May Begin!

*Tim Perkins – Vermont Association Director*

For thirty years, the Vermont Odyssey of the Mind Program has been offering creative problem solving opportunities to schools and community groups throughout the state. As we embark upon this special year, it gives me great pleasure to review some of the highlights of last season.

- A record number of teams registered for the 2008 Vermont State Tournament.
- Despite a massive ice storm, the majority of teams and officials attended the State Tournament.
- A record number of Vermont teams attended World Finals in College Park, Maryland.
- Two Vermont teams won 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Hayes Foundation and Stowe Playhouse).
- One Vermont team received 4<sup>th</sup> (Ludlow Elementary)
- The majority of other Vermont teams had very good showings.

We are very proud of ALL the Vermont teams, whether you made it to States, or to World Finals...you are all winners in our eyes.

In addition, as we rapidly approach the time in which we will split into Regions in Vermont, we are very pleased to announce that Lesley Adams, a long-time coach from Stowe (and coach of the World Finals 1<sup>st</sup> place team from Stowe) has agreed to join the Board of Directors of Vermont Creativity Quest, Inc. as our Northern Regional Director. A big THANKS to Lesley for helping the Vermont program in so many ways. And thanks also to the entire Board of Directors, Vermont State Problem Captains, the School and Community Membership Coordinators, and all of our judges and officials...this program couldn't happen without all of these volunteers working to benefit the students of Vermont

To celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, we've got a few surprises for you. Of course they'll be cake and ice cream at the tournament....the rest you'll just have to wait until March 7<sup>th</sup> to find out yourselves!

**VISIT THE VERMONT ODYSSEY OF THE MIND WEBSITE**

<http://vt.odysseyofthemind.org>

**for the 2008-2009 Schedule and Training Information**



**Vermont's Odyssey of the Mind**  
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The **new** 2008-2009  
Long-Term Problems  
are out !

## Vermont 2008 - 2009 Program Year Schedule

(all dates and locations subject to change)

Event	Date and Time	Notes	Where
Odyssey of the Mind Awareness Session	<i>By Arrangement</i>	<b>Learn How to Get a Program Started in Your School</b>	In Your School
<u>North Training</u> St. Albans Area	Tues Oct 28, 2008 6:00 – 8:30 PM	No Fee Register on Website	Saint Albans Town Ed Ctr St. Albans, VT
<u>South-Central Training</u> Rutland/Addison County Area	Sat Nov 1, 2008 9 AM - 12:30 PM	No Fee Register on Website	Mill River UHS Clarendon, Vermont
<u>West Training</u> Chittenden/Addison County Area	Sat Nov 15, 2008 9 AM - 12:30 PM	No Fee Register on Website	Camels Hump Middle School Richmond, Vermont
<u>East Training</u> White River Jct./Hartland Area	<i>To Be Determined</i>	No Fee Register on Website	Hartland Elem School Hartland, VT
<u>South Training</u> Bennington Area	<i>To Be Determined</i>	No Fee Register on Website	<i>To Be Determined</i> Bennington, VT
State Tournament Registration & Payment Deadline (all registrations must be completed online)	Sat. Jan 17, 2009	See Fee Schedule Below	registration info available online in December
Judge/Volunteer Name Registration Deadline	must be submitted with Team Registration	(See Note Below)	via team registration website
<u>Southern Session</u> Spontaneous Scrimmage	Sat Jan 31, 2009 1:00 - 2:30 PM	A FREE chance to practice	Mill River UHS <u>Clarendon, Vermont</u>
Judges' Training	Sat Feb 7, 2009 9 AM - 12:30 PM	Membership <u>must</u> supply a judge or pay a waiver fee	Camels Hump Middle School <u>Richmond, Vermont</u>
<u>Northern Session</u> Spontaneous Scrimmage	Sat Feb 7, 2009 1:00 - 2:30 PM	A FREE chance to practice	Camels Hump Middle School <u>Richmond, Vermont</u>
Coaches Meeting with Problem Captains	Sat Feb 7, 2009 2:30 - 4:30 PM	Optional, but suggested	Camels Hump Middle School <u>Richmond, Vermont</u>
<b><i>Vermont's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament</i></b>	Sat March 7, 2009 9 AM-7 PM	<b>Show us the creativity!</b>	Champlain Valley UHS Hinesburg, Vermont
World Finals Teams Informational Meeting	Mon Mar 9, 2009 6-8 PM	Hang on to your hats	Teams must attend at either Mill River UHS or Camels Hump MS
<b><i>Odyssey of the Mind World Finals</i></b>	May 27 - 30, 2009	<b>Woo Hoo!</b>	Iowa State University Ames, Iowa

### **Tournament Fee Schedule** PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY REGISTRATION DEADLINE

- Early registration - ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 17th - \$40 per team for Div I, II, III, IV Primary \$10
- Late registration - AFTER JANUARY 17TH - \$100 per team (no exceptions) by permission of the Association Director if space is available in the schedule

### **Judge / Official Policy**

A large number of volunteers willing to serve as Judges and Officials are required to put on the state Tournament each season. We understand that it is sometimes difficult for some memberships, particularly those located some distance away from the training site, to find a person willing to dedicate a half-day to training and another full-day to the tournament.

Therefore, the Vermont Creativity Quest, Inc. Board of Directors, in order to both provide more flexibility to the membership as well as to meet our need to have people serving as Officials, has instituted the following policy for the 2008-2009 program year. To fulfill their volunteer requirement for the tournament, each TEAM can choose among the following options:

- Providing ONE Judge (per team) for a half-day of training and to judge the full day of the State Tournament, OR
- Paying a Volunteer Waiver Fee of \$50 per team

*All volunteers MUST be 18 yrs of age or older.*

Notification of which option the team chooses must be made by **when registering for the tournament** by registering the judge online, or by paying the waiver fee. Teams not fulfilling this obligation will be allowed to participate in the tournament and will be scored, but they will not be ranked in the final standings or allowed to advance to World Finals. Teams whose Judge or Volunteer does not show up for training and/or the full day of the tournament will be invoiced the volunteer waiver fee after the tournament.