



2009–2010 Vermont Odyssey of the Mind Timeline

August – September

Date Requiring Attention

- Establish a Membership Coordinator / Contact Person at your school.
- Order an Odyssey of the Mind membership from Creative Competitions, Inc.
(on-line via <http://www.odysseyofthemind.com>, fax, or using via form)
- Get students interested using assemblies or after school awareness sessions (we can help with this)
- Establish teams of 5-7 students, with 1-2 coaches each and select problems to participate in

October – November

- Register for and attend a *FREE* Training Session by visiting <http://vt.odysseyofthemind.org> ←
- Several trainings are scheduled around the state both during the weekday evening and on weekends
- Basic Coaches Training (suggested for new coaches, refresher for other coaches)
- Create a team practice schedule (established by coaches and students and run at; schools, homes, etc.)

November – December

- Have team meetings, usually once every week or every other week, (through first of the year)
- Read aloud and understand the problem and general rules. Brainstorm & Practice Spontaneous.
- Have team members identify individual strengths. Rough outline of team skit should be established
- Check/ask for clarifications. Identify to team the information contacts and Problem Captain for Vermont (web site)

January

- State Tournament team registration and payment deadline – **January 16** (via Vermont website) ←
- Judge/Volunteer name registration (each team supplies one) – (with tournament registration) ←
- Continue practice meetings, usually once a week, some teams will have sub-meetings like;
 - props and sign construction
 - clothing/costume sewing
 - structure building
 - script development
- Practice Spontaneous, Practice Spontaneous, Practice Spontaneous
- Team members refine skit, props, membership sign and anything else needed for the tournament
- Check/ask for clarifications at <http://www.odysseyofthemind.com> (see Program Guide on national web site)
- Understand all paperwork needed by the team for the State Tournament (see Program Guide)
- Spontaneous Scrimmage South – **January 30**, 1:00 – 2:30 PM (Mill River UHS) ←

February

- Receive, read and understand, “Coaches Tournament Handbook”, posted mid-February from Vermont Director
- Judges Training – **February 6** 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM (for judge provided by teams) ←
- Spontaneous Scrimmage North – **February 6**, 1:00 – 2:30 PM (Camels Hump MS) ←
- Coaches’ meeting with Problem Captains – **February 6**, 2:30 – 4:30 PM ←
- (Q&A about the tournament, explanation of rules and paperwork needed), not required but recommended

March

- Continue practice meetings, usually twice a week by now (March 1 until the Vermont State Tournament)
- Practice Spontaneous, Practice Spontaneous, Practice Spontaneous
- Team members fine tune skit, props, membership sign, structure and anything else need for the tournament.
- Arrange for full dress rehearsal, performance or the like in front of family, school, PTO, etc.
- Establish your “free choice” selections for your style categories.
- Complete paperwork for Tournament (from Coaches Tournament Handbook). Make back up copies.
- Check tournament schedule for team competition time at <http://vt.odysseyofthemind.org> (posted by March 1)
- Vermont State Tournament March 6**, at Champlain Valley UHS (9:00 AM – 6:00 PM) ←
- Meeting of World Finals eligible teams **March 8**, (6:00 – 8:00 PM), Location TBA ←

May

- Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at Michigan State University, **May 26 – 29** (for eligible teams) ←