



# SANGSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA'S ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

**Odyssey of the Mind** is an international problem-solving competition that has rewarded students for imaginative thinking and teamwork for almost 40 years! Every year, children work together on creative thinking skills, through both short-term problem solving and by tackling one of six different long-term problems, each of which develops creativity, performance skills, and engineering know-how. Sangster's PTA sponsors multiple teams, all coached by parent and community volunteers. Teams practice weekly (from late-October through March) and compete at two regional competitions in January and March. Winning teams can advance to the state and world finals. It's a great way to have fun, meet friends, and work on really cool and creative projects!

**Open to ALL grades. Kindergarten on up! There are a range of problem choices for teams:**

- **Vehicle Building**—Design, build, and operate various vehicles that can perform specific tasks before time runs out.
- **Engineering/Technical Performance**—Design and build an original technical creation that is used in a performance.
- **Structure Building**—Build a stackable, weight-bearing structure out of only light-weight balsa wood and glue!
- **Classical Performance**—Re-create a classic story with a modern theme based on classical literature, architecture, and art.
- **Theme Performance**—Develop a performance based on a specific theme and include special effects.
- **Primary (limited to younger grades)**—Create a humorous performance that involves moving scenery and props! This is a special problem that allows younger teams to participate in a non-competitive format to introduce them to the program.

**\*\*\*NOTE TO PARENTS: Parent volunteers are critical, and every family will need to volunteer in some way.** Space on teams is limited by the number of available parent coaches (at least 2 coaches are needed for every 7-member team, plus the other families help as meeting assistants or as judges or helpers on tournament days). Each team will meet once per week, from late-October through March, and ***scheduling and team placement preferences are given to the volunteering coaches' families.*** **No prior experience with Odyssey is necessary,** and it is **lots of fun!** Please email with any questions.

Please visit <[WWW.ODYSSEYOFTHEMIND.COM](http://WWW.ODYSSEYOFTHEMIND.COM)> for general details,  
or contact <[SANGSTERODYSSEY@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:SANGSTERODYSSEY@OUTLOOK.COM)> with any Sangster program questions. **Come join the fun!**

## ODYSSEY OF THE MIND REGISTRATION FORM

Please return the bottom portion of this flyer to the school's main office by **Friday, September 28** if your child is interested in participating. We will confirm with you as soon as schedules are determined. A \$50 registration fee for the year will be collected at the first team meeting (*includes tournament fees for both events & a team competition t-shirt, and financial assistance is available*).

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone : \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone Contact (please provide 2): \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* Check **ALL** possible meeting days (*each specific team will be grouped based on meeting availability, and some teams' evening or weekend meetings may occur at meeting locations other than the school*)

:  Mon.  Tues.  Wed.  Thurs.  Fri.  Sat.  Sun.

\*\*\* Best time to meet (please circle all that apply): Before school/ After school/ Evenings/ Weekends

\*\*\* **Co-Coaching Interest:**  YES!  No  Maybe? (*Your family's schedule will have priority! Thank you!*)