



## Congratulations on Advancing to the State Tournament!!!

Dear State Finalist Team and Coach(es),

Advancing to a state tournament from your regional competition is an honor sought by over 700 teams throughout California! Your hard work and outstanding creativity have earned you the right to compete at the State Finals, which will be held at **Moreno Valley High School, Moreno Valley, CA, on March 21, 2020**. Your team now represents not only your school and your school district, but also all the teams from your region.

**TEAM REGISTRATION:** To register your team, your coach should go to [www.odysseyofthemind.com](http://www.odysseyofthemind.com). Click on Member Area, Tournament Registration, and then follow the prompts to sign up for the State Tournament. **Please register within the next four days. If you cannot attend the tournament, please inform your regional director as soon as possible.** If your coach has not been to the state tournament and would like to speak with a coach who has attended before, please contact your regional director.

This tournament promises to be an **amazing** event!! Moreno Valley Unified School District and the City of Moreno Valley are rolling out the red carpet for us!

**DINING and ACTIVITIES:** The high school choir boosters and local food trucks will be available. Feel free to bring coolers, but no cooking equipment will be allowed on campus or in the parking lots at the high school. Activities include regional pin trading, having a custom tshirt made, browsing OM souvenirs, an OM scavenger hunt, and seeing other teams perform.

**GETTING TO MORENO VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL:** There is a handout with general driving directions on the SoCal Odyssey website. There will also be a campus map showing performance venues, parking, as well as loading/unloading areas.

**LODGING OPTIONS:** There are many hotels in the Moreno Valley/Riverside area.

**TOURNAMENT SLIDE SHOW:** We are putting together a slide show we will be presenting at the state finals awards ceremony if we hold it in the gym. Please send one or two pictures of your team (preferably in costume) to [slideshow@socalodyssey.org](mailto:slideshow@socalodyssey.org) no later than March 8th. We will also be taking photos during the tournament.

**STATE PIN TRADING:** This has become a fun tradition at our state tournaments! Be sure to order your regional pin set so you are all ready to pin trade with other SoCal OMers during the tournament! A handout for ordering your set of regional pins (and an OM lanyard) will be available on the SoCal Odyssey website store. Use coupon code 2020SAT

**SOUVENIRS:** We will be selling lots of fun souvenirs at the state tournament, including Odyssey of the Mind items and SoCal OotM world finals pins! We will also have SoCal Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament t-shirts/hoodies for sale. Each shirt/hoodie will be custom made to your specifications right on site! Various designs will be available, and your team's names can be put on the back!!

**RAFFLE ITEMS:** To support our state scholarship fund, we will be selling raffle tickets for two items. The first is a quilt made of cool Odyssey of the Mind t-shirts from around the World. The second item will be a pin towel of World Finals pins from last year's OotM World Finals competition! Your state director traded for some awesome t-shirts and pins for these items, so please be sure to support this amazing scholarship! Stop by souvenir sales to view these items and purchase raffle tickets. Winners will be announced at awards.

**PREPARATION:** As you prepare for State Finals, we encourage you to practice your solution in many different places and before a large variety of people and keep practicing spontaneous problems!! Performing opportunities might include your school, PTA/PTO, your district school board, and local community organizations. During all the excitement, we want to encourage you to enjoy your achievement and keep focusing on teamwork and creativity.

When you are at the State Finals, be sure to appreciate and applaud the other teams from Southern California. This is a great opportunity to make new friends with teams from across the state.

**You are all winners! I can't wait to see you all at Moreno Valley High School on March 21<sup>st</sup>!!**

Sincerely,  
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