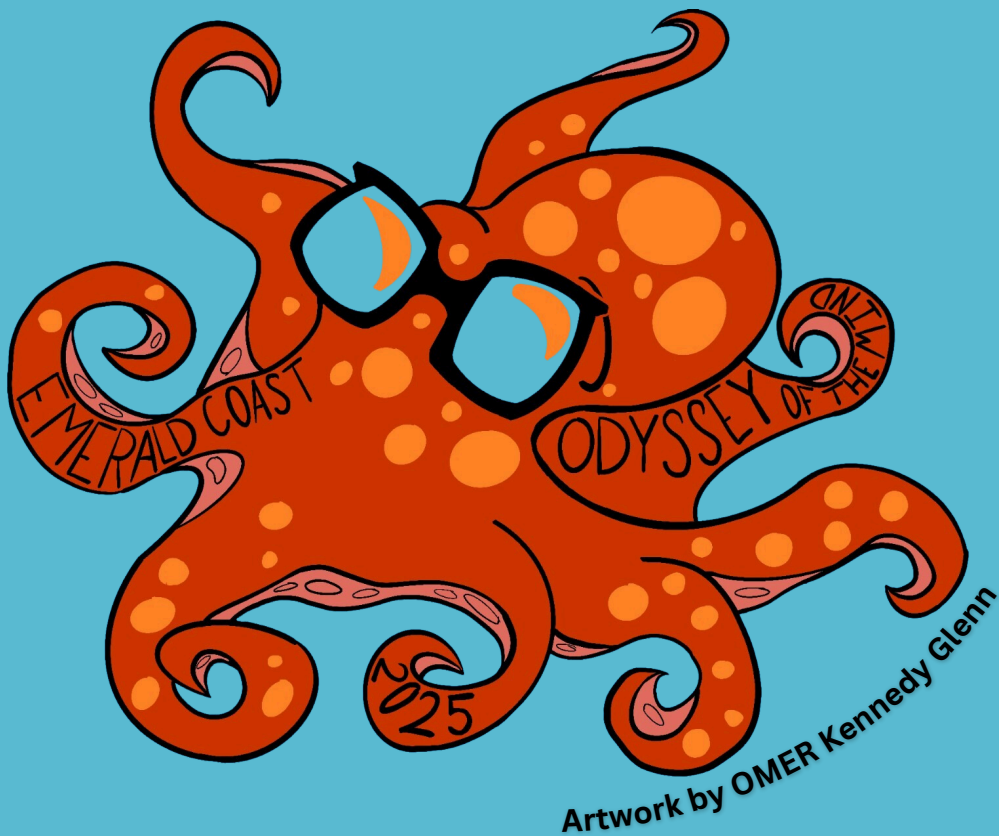


# EMERALD COAST ODYSSEY OF THE MIND



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2025

**REGIONAL TOURNAMENT**



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The Emerald Coast (ECOofM) Board welcomes all our students and visitors to this year's Emerald Coast Odyssey of the Mind regional competition. We know it will be an exciting day full of fun and surprises. Do your best and enjoy the fun and excitement!

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Problem #1: The OM-Mazing Race Ryne & Keeley Wickery  
Problem #2: Mech-Animal Sidekick Evan Rimmel  
Problem #3: Classics...Cooking with Books Jan Ayers  
Problem #4: Save Me Structure Larry Munz & Dr. Lida Munz  
Problem #5: AstronOMical Odyssey! Felton Barnes & Natasha Peacock  
Primary Problem: It's a Wonderful World! Lydia Barefield (State)  
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## **SPECIAL THANKS TO**

The Emerald Coast Board would like to express our special thanks to Okaloosa County Schools and particularly Crestview High School and their administrators, teachers, and support staff for allowing us the use of their facilities for the tournament.

We hope that all who attend this competition will express their appreciation by leaving the rooms and school grounds in as good a condition as they were provided to us.

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00 AM	Registration Opens	Hall Near Gym
8:30 AM	Save Me Structure Weigh-in begins	Room 243
8:30 AM	Cooking with Books begins	Cafeteria
8:55 AM	Mech-Animal Sidekicks begins	Media Center
9:00 AM	The OM-Mazing Race begins	Multipurpose Room
9:00 AM	AstronOMical Odyssey! begins	Auditorium
10:45 AM	Save Me Structure begins	Media Center
1:45 PM	Creativity Festival begins	Field between football & baseball fields
3:40 PM	Teams Line up for Awards Parade	
3:40 PM	Awards Ceremony Doors Open	Auditorium
4:00 PM	Awards Ceremony	Auditorium

# PROBLEM 1



## THE OM-MAZING RACE

Ready, set, go! In this problem teams will design, build, and operate an all-terrain vehicle that transports riders on a race for a prize. The performance will include a race to three original, team-created destinations and each leg of the race will include an obstacle that the rider and vehicle must overcome. The performance will include a host that narrates the action and it will conclude with the realization that the prize for finishing the race was not as exciting as the Odyssey they took along the way.

**Problem Captains: Ryne & Keeley Wickery**  
**Long Term Performance in the Multipurpose Room**  
**Spontaneous in the 400 Wing**

### Performance Schedule

<b>The OM-Mazing Race Div III</b> Long Term Location: Multipurpose Room Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing				
Long Term	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
9:00am	North Bay Haven Charter Academy	78005563	Dan O'Boyle	11:00am

<b>The OM-Mazing Race Div I</b> Long Term Location: Multipurpose Room Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing				
Long Term	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
9:25am	Freeport Elementary School	77512640	Cynthia Arnold	12:40pm
9:50am	North Bay Haven Charter Academy	78008512	Paulina Urrutia-Perez	12:20pm
10:15am	--Break			

<b>The OM-Mazing Race Div II</b> Long Term Location: Multipurpose Room Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing				
Long Term	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
10:35am	Ferry Pass Middle	76753742	Cheri Stoker	9:20am
11:00am	North Bay Haven Charter Academy	78005615	Adrianna Poppell	9:00am
11:25pm	--Lunch			

**Teams must report to the pre-staging area 20 minutes prior to their performance times.**



# PROBLEM 2



## MECH-ANIMAL SIDEKICK

The saying goes “dog is man’s best friend” but this year OMers get the chance to invent their own bestie! In this problem, team will design, build, and operate an original robotic animal that has the ability to make people happy. In the performance, the Mech-Animal will perform various tricks that cheer people up. When it suddenly goes missing, the people search for it and find the Mech-Animal in a very unusual place. The performance will also include live music, a toy for the Mech-Animal, and a trainer character that explains the tricks.

**Problem Captain: Evan Rimmel**  
**Long Term Performance in the Media Center**  
**Spontaneous in the 400 Wing**

### Performance Schedule

<b>Mech-Animal Sidekick Div I</b>				
Long Term Location: Media Center				
Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing				
Long Term	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
8:55am	North Bay Haven Charter Academy	78008528	Jeff Cangemi	11:00am

<b>Mech-Animal Sidekick Div II</b>				
Long Term Location: Media Center				
Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing				
Long Term	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
9:20am	North Bay Haven Charter Academy	78005632	Josh Koterba	11:20am

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# PROBLEM 3



## CLASSICS... COOKING WITH BOOKS

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Classic cooking takes on a new meaning as teams create a performance about an original chef character that is inspired by fictional literary characters and events. Teams will choose from selected classic literature and create a gourmet meal based on their chosen book. The performance will include a setting from the book that inspired the meal, a team-created cooking gadget, and a dinner party featuring the meal that includes a character from the book.

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**Problem Captain: Jan Ayers**  
**Long Term Performance in the Auditorium**  
**Spontaneous in the 400 Wing**

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# PROBLEM 3



## CLASSICS... COOKING WITH BOOKS

### Performance Schedule

<b>Cooking with Books Div II</b> Long Term Location: Cafeteria Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing				
Long Term	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
8:30am	Paxton School	77305977	Jessica Becker	10:20am
8:52am	Ruckel Middle School (Okaloosa County School District)	77039540	Karen Mischlich	11:00am
9:14am	North Bay Haven Charter Academy	78005649	Jakeline Mabardy	10:40am
9:36am	--Break			
9:56am	Brown-Barge Middle School	77586891	Carrie McGugin	11:20am
10:18am	Ferry Pass Middle	78145235	Kaye Worley	12:20pm
10:40am	Ferry Pass Middle	78146271	Michelle Speas	12:40pm
11:02am	Wawahitchka High-school	77032678	Anne Derry	1:00pm
11:24am	--Lunch			

<b>Cooking with Books Div I</b> Long Term Location: Cafeteria Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing				
Long Term	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
12:04pm	Wawahitchka Elementary School	77092823	Ashley Taunton	9:40am
12:26pm	North Bay Haven Charter Academy	78008541	Debbie Viera	9:00am

<b>Cooking with Books Div III</b> Long Term Location: Cafeteria Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing				
Long Term	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
12:48pm	--Break			
12:58pm	Magnet Innovation Center	76799940	Margaret Whitehead	9:40am
1:20pm	North Bay Haven Charter Academy	76571368	Christy Giambra	10:20am
1:42pm	Port St. Joe High School	76526817	Sharon Hoffiman Fred Flowers	10:40am

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# PROBLEM 4



## SAVE ME STRUCTURE



OMers to the rescue! In this problem, teams will create a performance about an unusual animal rescue character that needs to find homes for balsa wood and glue animals. Two animals will represent actual living animal species and another will be team-created. The animal rescue character will test if a home is safe by balancing and holding as much weight as possible. The performance will also include one animal getting a check-up, a humorous veterinarian character, and the creative use of Arm & Hammer Baking Soda.

**Problem Captains: Larry Munz & Dr. Lida Munz**  
**Weigh-In in Room 243**  
**Long Term Performance in the Media Center**  
**Spontaneous in the 400 Wing**

### Performance Schedule

Save Me Structure Div I Long Term Location: Media Center Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing					
Long Term	Weigh In	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
10:45am		Van R. Butler Elementary	77879783	Olivia Giannetti	9:20am
11:10am		Dune Lakes Elementary School	77123092	Meredith Flowers	10:00am
11:35am	--Lunch				
12:15pm		North Bay Haven Charter Academy	78008561	Christina Burroughs	10:40am

Save Me Structure Div II Long Term Location: Media Center Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing					
Long Term	Weigh In	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
12:40pm		Ferry Pass Middle	77167169	Kathy Lynch	9:00am
1:05pm		Ferry Pass Middle	78146431	Melissa Hughes	9:40am
1:30pm		North Bay Haven Charter Academy	78005672	Brandy Hipps	9:20am

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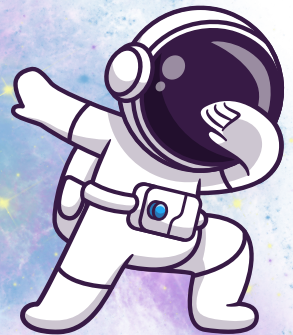
# PROBLEM 5



## ASTRONOMICAL ODYSSEY!

OMers always shoot for the stars, and this problem is no different! Many civilizations have used stories, myths, and legends to explain the stars in the sky and their patterns. In this problem, teams will create a humorous performance set in a team-created “historical” civilization that presents constellations and original stories explaining each one. The performance will also include a humorous astronomer character with a “stellar” costume, a lighting effect, and a shooting star!

**Problem Captains: Felton Barnes & Natasha Peacock**  
**Long Term Performance in the Cafeteria**  
**Spontaneous in the 400 Wing**



# PROBLEM 5



## ASTRONOMICAL ODYSSEY!

### Performance Schedule

<b>AstronOMical Odyssey! Div III</b> Long Term Location: Auditorium Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing				
Long Term	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
9:00am	North Bay Haven Charter Academy	78005588	Allison Berenguer	11:20am

<b>AstronOMical Odyssey! Div I</b> Long Term Location: Auditorium Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing				
Long Term	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
9:25am	North Bay Haven Charter Academy	78008580	Rebecca Mellerski	1:00pm
9:50am	--Break			

<b>AstronOMical Odyssey! Div II</b> Long Term Location: Auditorium Spontaneous Location: 400 Wing				
Long Term	Membership Name	Number	Coach	Spont
10:10am	Ruckel Middle School	77039540	Karen Mischlich	1:00pm
10:35am	Ferry Pass Middle	78146359	Michelle Stephens	12:20pm
11:00am	North Bay Haven Charter Academy	78006088	Terri Freshwater	12:40pm
11:25am	--Lunch			

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# SPONTANEOUS

**Problem Captains: Jonathan Hughes &  
Crystal Lund**  
**Located in the 400 Wing**



Spectators are not permitted in the spontaneous problem room. Creativity and "thinking on our feet" are key components of the Odyssey program. All teams in the same division of the same Long-Term problem receive the same Spontaneous problem. Spontaneous problems must remain closely guarded secrets, known only to the participating team members until all team members have competed!

## ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

Odyssey of the Mind (OM™) teaches students how to develop and use their natural creativity to become problem-solvers. Imagine being faced with a problem that requires an original solution. It can be frightening. Now imagine not being afraid to solve that problem - that is what OM members learn. This skill and self-confidence will carry over to all areas of their lives. OM brings the classroom to life as students apply what they learn and combine it with their interests and passions to solve our unique open-ended problems. OM also emphasizes teamwork, budgeting, time management, public speaking, and so much more. This international program is designed to help students at all learning levels grow as individual learners, grow as team members, and to reach their full potential.

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# SPECIAL AWARDS

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## **OMER AWARD**

The OMER's award is not intended to reward creativity, instead it is designed to recognize individuals or teams who exemplify the philosophy and spirit of Odyssey of the Mind. Criteria include exceptional talent, outstanding sportsmanship, and superior teamwork. Recipients of this award may nominate a candidate for this award, however, a team of tournament officials makes the final determination if the nominees receive this honor.

## **RENATRA FUSCA CREATIVITY AWARD**

The Renatra Fusca Creativity Award represents the essence of Odyssey of the Mind. It is presented by the judging team to a team or individuals who exhibit exceptional creativity. Success in solving the Long-Term problem is not a criterion for winning this award. This is designed to encourage risk taking in solving problems. This is the highest award presented in Odyssey of the Mind.

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## **ABOUT US**

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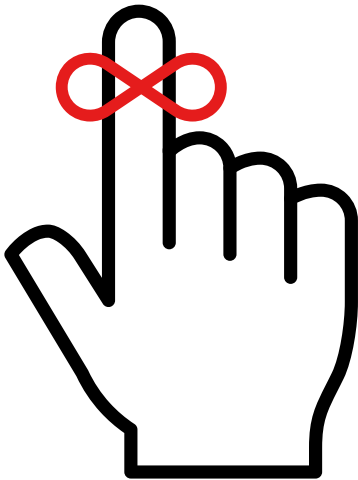
We are the Emerald Coast region of the Florida Odyssey of the Mind Association (FLOMA). The Emerald Coast region is one of the ten regions of FLOMA. We cover the central time zone of the state. FLOMA is the largest Odyssey of the Mind association licensed by the international Odyssey headquarters, Creative Competitions, Inc.





# VOLUNTEERS MAKE ODYSSEY HAPPEN

Odyssey of the Mind is made possible by approximately 20,000 volunteers worldwide including nearly 200 from the Emerald Coast Region of Florida. This diverse population with a variety of interests and cultures make up our worldwide family. Volunteers fulfill many roles in the program including coaching teams, helping at tournaments, judging solutions, and even running Odyssey of the Mind associations! There are important volunteer opportunities for whatever amount of time you have to give – for a day, a few weekends a year, or beyond. Thanks to the time our volunteers give of themselves Odyssey of the Mind is able to provide creative problem solving opportunities that develop the great minds of our future.



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Florida Odyssey of the Mind  
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