

## *Getting Started*

**First**, schools must purchase a **membership** from the international association. To do this, go to [www.odysseyofthemind.com](http://www.odysseyofthemind.com) where you can download the form or apply online. The cost is **\$135** per membership NOT per team. The deadline for obtaining a membership is January 28, 2011.

**Next**, students and coaches form teams and begin meeting to work on team building skills. This is a great time to begin working on spontaneous problems.

**After** the membership packet arrives, teams determine which problem they would like to solve. The five problems include: (1) vehicle , (2) technical, (3) the classics (literature/painting/music), (4) balsa wood structure, and (5) the theatrical problem.

**Then** the team must register with the **state** association and pay **\$75+\$3** (online convenience fee in state fees. To register, go to [www.floridaodysseyofthemind.org](http://www.floridaodysseyofthemind.org). **The deadline for registering is December 15, 2010.** After the deadline, the team must pay an additional \$20 in late fees. The **Primary teams'** registration fee is **\$20+\$3** (online convenience fee). You may choose to register without making the online payment, after which time you send your team fees (\$75 for division 1-4 & \$20 for primary) to Sharmaine Schenck at 1195 Sunnybrook Ln Rockledge, FL 32955..

**Don't forget...** each team must provide a **worker** and **judge** for the regional competition. Go to our **forms** page on this site to download these. They should be sent to Sharmaine Schenck at the address above.

**Finally**, practice, practice, practice! Your team of students is in for an unforgettable experience! (*Helpful hint: Don't forget to read the PROGRAM GUIDE carefully and of course, read the problem...read the problem...read the problem!*)

**Remember**, Odyssey of the Mind is not about the solution but the JOURNEY!