

First, schools must purchase a **membership** from the international association. To do this, go to www.odysseyofthemind.com where you can download the form or apply online. The cost is **\$135** per membership NOT per team.

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. There is also a primary problem for students in grades K-2.

Then the team must register with the **state** association and pay **\$75+\$3*** (*online convenience fee). To register, go to www.floridaodysseyofthemind.org. **The deadline for registering is December 15, 2011.** 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 online and send a check by generating an invoice (follow prompts and information on the website).**

Don't forget... each team must provide a **worker** and **judge** for the regional competition. **All of this information should be inputted online when you register.**

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!