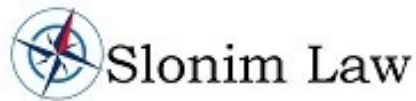
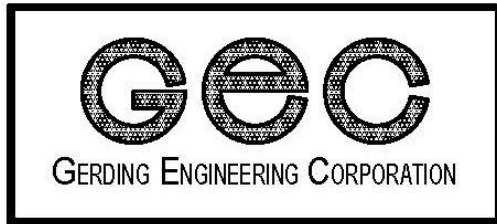


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36<sup>th</sup> Regional Tournament  
Feb. 28, 2026  
Viera Middle School



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*Odyssey of the Mind is in the air,  
in my heart and everywhere.*

*My team and I will reach together,  
to find a solution now and forever.*

*We are the Odyssey of the Mind*



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***"You can't use up creativity. The more you use  
the more you have." — Maya Angelou***

## Tournament Acknowledgements

The cooperation and commitment of many schools, teachers, parents and the community are essential to the continued success of Space Coast Odyssey of the Mind. Each year our Regional Tournament is made possible by the generous donations of time, energy and financial support from individuals and businesses who recognize the benefits the program brings to Space Coast students and the community.

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## Schedule for *Clowning Around With Science*

Clowning Around With Science Primary			
Long Term	Number	Membership	Spont
9:00am	4936	Ralph Williams Elem TM A	1:20pm
9:20am	4611	R L Stevenson Elem TM C	12:00pm
9:40am	4937	Ralph Williams Elem TM B	2:40pm
10:00am		--Break	
10:20am	5330	West Melb Elem Sch for Sci TM C	3:00pm
10:40am	4585	R L Stevenson Elem TM B	1:40pm
11:00am	4710	R L Stevenson Eleml TM D	3:20pm
11:20am		--Lunch	
12:20pm	4365	West Melb Elem Sch for Sci TM B	2:00pm
12:40pm	6109	Holy Trinity Episcopal Acad TM A	10:40am
1:00pm	5424	West Melb Elem Sch for Sci TM A	11:20am
1:20pm		--Break	
1:40pm	6060	Lockmar Elem TM A	10:00am
2:00pm	6110	Holy Trinity Episcopal Acad TM B	11:40am
2:20pm	6088	LFEC Stream Acad TM A	10:20am



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## **Problem 6: Clowning Around With Science**

What kind of hair do oceans have? Wavy! In this problem, OM™ teams will create an original performance about a group of comedy performers that teach lessons about natural science. The lessons will also include a visual effect, a sound effect, and jokes.

Primary parade at the beginning  
of the awards ceremony!

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Donations, both in-kind and funds, allow us to defray costs for our teams, finance our tournament and provide support for teams advancing to World Finals.

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## Odyssey of the Mind Goals

Develop and enhance creative thinking abilities.

Increase student ability to apply known principles and facts to “hands-on” situations.

Improve communication skills.

Learn how to use the creative problem-solving process.

Recognize and utilize skills of ALL team members.

Locate and utilize local resources.

Utilize research skills.

Enhance the use of higher order thinking and critical thinking skills, especially analysis, synthesis, and evaluation.

Understand that it is possible to have fun while learning and using these skills.

The Odyssey of the Mind program strives to help young people realize the importance of personal growth and life-long learning. The Odyssey of the Mind program contends that this quest for knowledge can be undertaken in creative and pleasurable ways.

### Odyssey of the Mind Age Divisions

**Primary** - Grades K-2 (Non Competitive)

**Division I** – Grades K-5

**Division II** – Grades 6-8

**Division III** – Grades 9-12

**Division IV** – Collegiate for ALL TEAMS. All teams must have a majority of members who are high school graduates and registered for at least one class at a college, university, accredited technical school, or member of the military. Team members do not have to attend the same institution.

## **Schedule for Taller Tales of John Jivery**

Taller Tales of John Jivery Div I			
Long Term	Number	Membership	Spont
9:20am	4783	Cape View Elem TM A	10:40am
9:40am	5319	Columbia Elem TM A	10:20am
10:00am	6117	Holy Trinity Episcopal Acad TM A	1:20pm
10:20am		--Break	
10:40am	3996	Ocean Breeze Elem TM	2:40pm
11:00am	4627	Ralph Williams Elem TM A	12:20pm
Taller Tales of John Jivery Div II			
Long Term	Number	Membership	Spont
11:20am	4932	Ralph Williams Elem TM A	9:40am
11:40am		--Lunch	
12:40pm	7203	Calvary Chapel Acad TM A	2:00pm
1:00pm	6217	Center for Interdisciplinary Writ. & Res. TM A	11:00am
1:40pm	3997	Ocean Breeze Elem TM	10:40am
2:00pm	6191	Westside Elem TM A	12:20pm
2:20pm		--Break	
Taller Tales of John Jivery Div III			
Long Term	Number	Membership	Spont
2:40pm	6210	Melbourne High TM A	11:00am
3:15pm	4642	Titusville High TM A	9:40am



Check out State Sales  
Merchandise  
starting March 1st



## **Problem 5: Taller Tales of John Jivery**

No one can tell a story like an OMer! In this problem, teams will create and present a humorous performance about an original tall tale. The tale will include a team-created hero or heroine that performs an incredible feat, a unique explanation of how something began or came to be, and a surprise for the audience. Each event will be accompanied by a visual weather effect that represents an emotion.

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HOPE Academy	Sculptor Charter Sch
LFEC Stream Academy	Southlake Ele Sch
Lockmar Ele Sch	Titusville High Sch
Manatee Ele Sch	Viera Ele Sch
	West Melb. Ele Sch for Sci

***“Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try.” — Dr. Seuss***



Odyssey of the Mind is an international, creative problem-solving program that fosters the development of creative thinking and problem-solving skills in young people.

Brevard County became formally involved in this program for the first time during the 1989-90 school year, and soon became known as the Space Coast Region in the Florida Odyssey of the Mind Association which is one of the largest associations in Odyssey of the Mind. This year we are excited to have memberships from Volusia County along with our Brevard County memberships.

Space Coast teams compete against other students in their age division and long-term problem at the annual regional tournament. Winning regional teams advance to the state tournament and compete with teams from the other Florida regions. State winners are invited to the World Finals at which they compete with international teams, make life-long friendships and pin trade.


We are very proud and in awe of the tremendous dedication exhibited by students, coaches, and volunteers alike. You represent Space Coast well! Good luck!

Melinda Gerding  
Regional Director  
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## Schedule for *Life's a Ball!*

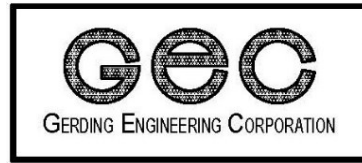
Life's a Ball! Div I			
Long Term	Number	Membership	Spont
10:20am	6543	Holy Trinity Episcopal Acad TM B	12:20pm
10:40am	5814	Sculptor Charter TM A	1:40pm
11:00am	5751	Viera Elementary School TM A	12:40pm
11:20am		--Break	
Life's a Ball! Div II			
Long Term	Number	Membership	Spont
11:40am	5819	Coquina Elem TM A	12:40pm
12:00pm	4612	R L Stevenson Elem TM A	1:00pm
12:20pm	5219	DeLaura Middle TM A	1:40pm
12:40pm		--Lunch	
1:40pm	5827	Sculptor Charter TM A	9:20am
2:00pm	4963	Emma Jewel Charter Acad TM A	10:00am
2:20pm	4429	Meadowlane Int Elem TM A	11:20am
Life's a Ball! Div III			
Long Term	Number	Membership	Spont
3:00pm	4641	Titusville High TM A	12:40pm

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TEAM SCAVENGER HUNT		
Watch a Problem 1 team perform	Watch a Problem 2 team perform	Watch a Problem 3 team perform
Dance at Spontaneous Check In	Play a Game at OMER Fest	Take a team photo
Watch a Problem 4 team perform	Watch a Problem 5 team perform	Watch a Primary team perform
School: _____		
Problem #: _____ Division: _____		
Coach: _____		



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## **Problem 4: Life's a Ball!**

Party Time! In this problem, teams will create a performance about throwing a party or a ball. The team will design and build a balsa wood structure that is tested by balancing and supporting as much weight as possible. At intervals various balls will be rolled to collide with the structure. The performance will include a creative "ball" character and a party guest that explains the impact of the collisions using team-created terms.



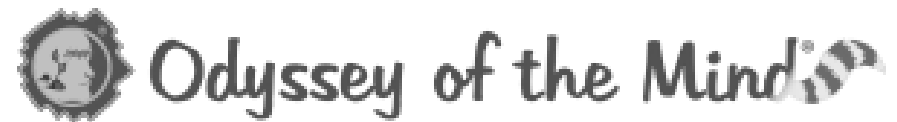
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## Schedule for *The Epic Quest*

The Epic Quest Div I			
Long Term	Number	Membership	Spont
8:40am	4934	Ralph Williams Elem TM A	10:40am
9:00am	4362	West Melb Elem Sch for Sci TM A	1:00pm
9:20am	3995	Ocean Breeze Elem TM	10:20am
9:40am		--Break	
10:00am	5818	Coquina Elem TM A	1:40pm
10:20am	4295	Christa McAuliffe Elem TM A	8:40am
10:40am	6115	Holy Trinity Episcopal Acad TM A	12:00pm
The Epic Quest Div II			
Long Term	Number	Membership	Spont
8:00am	4228	Manatee Elem TM A	10:00am
12:40pm		--Break	
1:00pm	4369	West Melb Elem Sch for Sci TM A	2:00pm
1:20pm	5052	Riviera Elem TM A	2:20pm
1:40pm	4138	Viera Elem TM A	9:20am
2:00pm		--Break	
2:20pm	4244	HOPE Academy TM A	12:20pm
2:40pm	4288	Royal Palm Charter TM A	12:40pm
3:00pm	3991	Ocean Breeze Elem TM A	9:00am
The Epic Quest Div III			
Long Term	Number	Membership	Spont
12:00pm	4640	Titusville High TM A	1:00pm
12:20pm	6297	Palm Bay TM A	10:00am



## Problem 3: The Epic Quest

OMers, are you ready to get EPIC? Quests from history have been passed from generation to generation through many art forms, including poetry. OMers will create an epic poem that details a team-created quest that is acted out in the performance. During the quest, the characters encounter an original beast, will rescue someone, and will overcome an epic challenge. The performance will use colors to help depict different settings.



Don't forget to check out  
OMER Fest from 12– 3:30



For more information about the Odyssey of the Mind Program contact Regional Director Melinda Gerding at [spacecoastrd@floma.org](mailto:spacecoastrd@floma.org) or on the State level, Anna Long, FLOMA State Director.

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Florida Odyssey of the Mind is holding its 3rd annual online auction to raise funds to defray costs for teams. We rely on donations and fundraising to supplement team fees for the \$30,000 needed for the state tournament.

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**Problem 1:  
Off the Rails**

All aboard! OMers become conductors and engineers as they design, build, and operate a train vehicle. As the train travels the course it will have a new car attached at each stop. Along the route it will encounter challenges that make the train travel in different ways. After all of its cargo is picked up, the items will be unloaded and assembled into a work of art. The performance will also include the use of ARM & HAMMER™ Baking Soda, a humorous conductor character, and a villain character that tries to prevent the train from getting to its destination. Sponsored by ARM & HAMMER™.

**Schedule for *Lost in OMERland***

Lost in OMERland Div I			
Long Term	Number	Membership	Spont
8:00am	5874	Ralph Williams Elem TM A	2:20pm
8:30am	4584	R L Stevenson Elem TM A	10:00am
9:00am	4192	South Lake Elem TM A	12:00pm
9:30am		--Break	
10:00am	6114	Holy Trinity Episcopal Acad TM A	12:40pm
10:30am	4363	West Melb Elem Sch for Sci TM A	1:40pm
Lost in OMERland Div II			
Long Term	Number	Membership	Spont
11:00am	4802	Cape View Elem TM A	9:20am
11:30am	4243	HOPE Academy TM A	12:40pm
12:00pm		--Lunch	
1:00pm	6090	LFEC Stream Acad TM A	10:20am
1:30pm	6130	MILA Elem TM A	9:00am
2:00pm		--Break	
2:30pm	5218	DeLaura Middle TM A	1:00pm
Lost in OMERland Div III			
Long Term	Number	Membership	Spont
3:00pm	4053	Edgewood Jr/Sr HS TM A	11:20am





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## **Problem 2: Lost in OMERland**

Getting lost often leads to unexpected opportunities! In this problem OM™ teams will design, build, and operate a Technical Trip Assistant only to find their voice activated device has a few malfunctions that result in hilarity. While they set out to explore a new place, the device gives a humorous answer to a question, wrong directions that take them to an unexpected location, and a silly translation. All props and backdrops must fit inside two suitcases.

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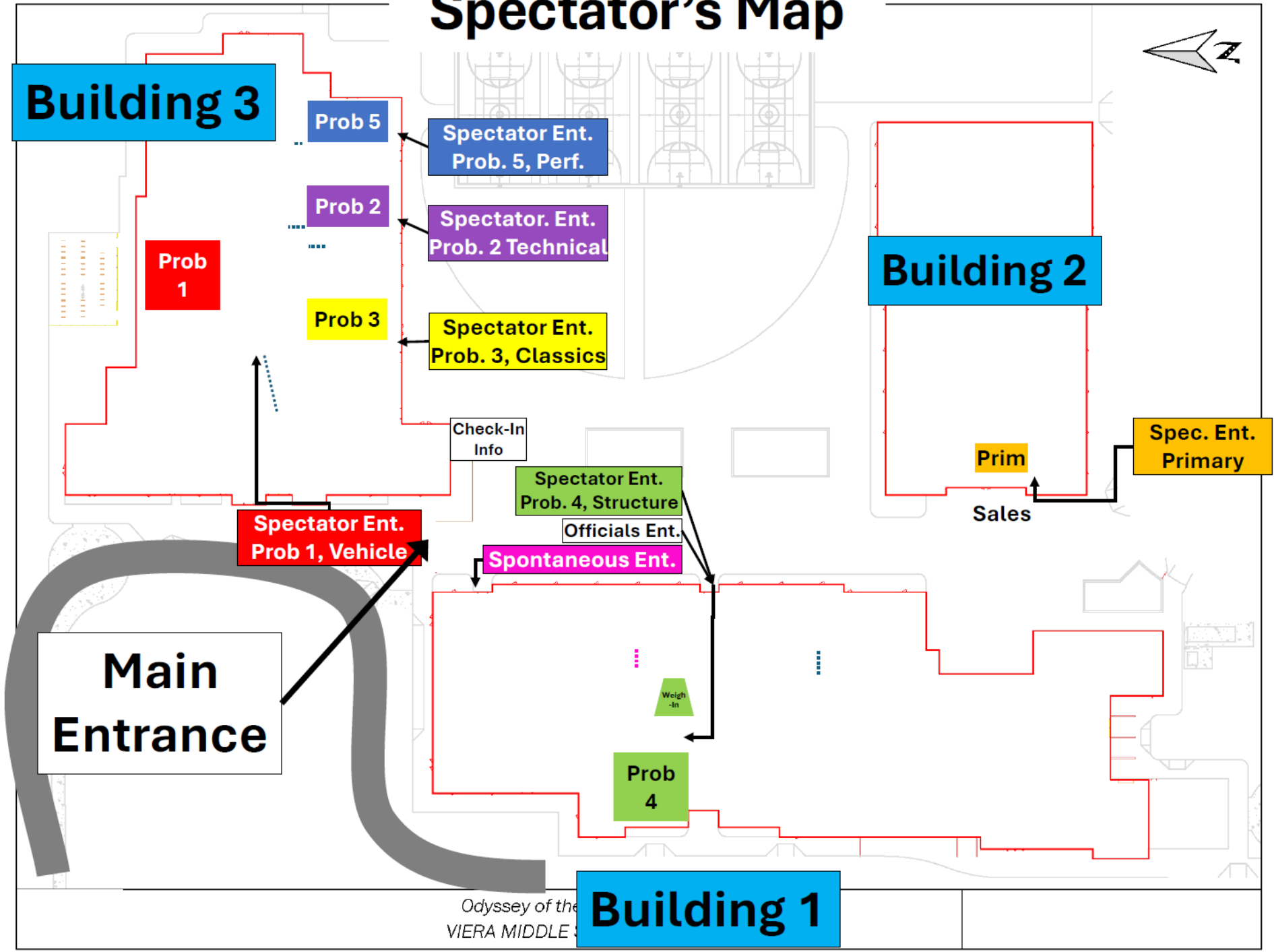
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## **Schedule for Off the Rails**

<b>Off the Rails Div I</b>			
Long Term	Number	Membership	Spont
8:40am	6113	Holy Trinity Episcopal Acad TM A	10:40am
9:00am	6089	LFEC Stream Acad TM A	10:20am
9:20am	6116	Holy Trinity Episcopal Acad TM B	1:20pm
9:40am		--Break	
10:00am	4081	Ocean Breeze Elem TM A	2:00pm
10:20am	6129	MILA Elem TM A	12:00pm
10:40am		--Break	
11:00am	5753	Viera Elem TM A	9:20am
11:20am	6059	Manatee Elem TM A	9:40am
<b>Off the Rails Div II</b>			
Long Term	Number	Membership	Spont
12:40pm	4431	Meadowlane Int Elem TM A	9:40am
1:00pm	5852	Sculptor Charter TM A	2:00pm
1:20pm	6544	Holy Trinity Episcopal Acad TM A	11:00am
1:40pm		--Break	
2:00pm	3990	Ocean Breeze Elem TM A	10:40am
<b>Off the Rails Div III</b>			
Long Term	Number	Membership	Spont
2:45pm	4639	Titusville High TM A	10:20am

# Spectator's Map



**Building 3**

**Building 2**

**Building 1**

**Prob 1**

**Prob 5**

**Prob 2**

**Prob 3**

**Spectator Ent. Prob. 4, Structure**

**Officials Ent.**

**Spontaneous Ent.**

**Prob 4**

**Weigh-In**

**Check-In Info**

**Spectator Ent. Prob. 5, Perf.**

**Spectator Ent. Prob. 2 Technical**

**Spectator Ent. Prob. 3, Classics**

**Spectator Ent. Prob. 1, Vehicle**

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