

**TPA ODYSSEY OF THE MIND
COMMITMENT CONTRACT
2010-2011**

Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem solving program that provides opportunities for students to develop creative problem solving skills. By working in a team, participants learn teamwork, self-respect, the appreciation and understanding of others, and that a group is a more powerful thinking force than an individual. Odyssey of the Mind promises to be fun, but like all good things, it does take much work & dedication. Along with creativity, teamwork & commitment are essential for a successful program.

We realize this extra-curricular program may not fit your schedule and understand if you are unable to make the commitment. Below are the typical time commitments expected between September and the respective competition;

For Regional Level Competition - 70 -90 hours over 6 months

For State Level Competition - 90 – 110 hours over 7 months

For World Level Competition - 110 – 150 hours over 8 months

For those willing to put forth the time, we welcome you to the exciting world of Odyssey of the Mind and ask that you and your parents read and sign the following:

I have read all materials and understand the requirements for participation in the Odyssey of the Mind program & competition(s). I will follow the rules of TPJA/TPA and Odyssey of the Mind. I will attend all meetings that I can and will meet the timelines that I commit to with my team. I will follow through on the project and keep my grades up to be eligible to compete.

I understand that the fee is due August 27th, 2010 & is non-refundable after September 27th. I also understand that if I quit the team after September 27, 2010, I will leave an opening on my team that can not be replaced, leaving my team short. Therefore, by signing this contract, I understand that I have made the commitment to being a member of TPA's Odyssey of the Mind program.