

WHAT FREDA SAID AT THAT MEETING

REGISTER THE TEAM: (Share this info with coordinators and bookkeepers.)

- a. The deadline for completed and PAID State Tournament registrations is **FRIDAY, MARCH 13.** Due to program printing deadlines the State competition schedule must be completed by the due date and only paid registered teams will be included on the schedule.
- b. Whoever registers the team will need the following:
 - 1) This paper
 - 2) The page titled: "Registering Your Team for the State Tournament"
 - 3) The page titled: "Worker Registration Worksheet"
 - 4) Information about any scheduling issues
- c. To register for the State Tournament, eligible teams must go to the national website (www.odysseyofthemind.com). You will need your membership number, school zip code, and the individual team log in information. If you don't know it, send Freda an email. Once in the registration you will have the opportunity to change coaching details and detail any scheduling issues/conflicts. You will NOT be able to change the roster except to add members if you're at less than seven. You will have to register a State Worker **INCLUDING A CORRECT EMAIL.**
- d. **FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS ON THE PURPLE PAPER.**
- e. Any state qualified teams with unpaid registrations after **Friday, March 13.** may be considered as dropped and deleted (UN-Qualified) from the State Registration site.
- f. State Registrations can be paid in the following methods:
 - ★ Credit Card (PayPal) – most popular, easiest, and quickest method (\$3 additional fee per team)
 - ★ Check – **SEND WITH PAYMENT BY MONDAY, MARCH 9.**
- g. **PRIMARY TEAMS** also must have a completed State registration to perform in the tournament. They will add a worker and update coach info just as the other teams. That will complete their registration. **THERE IS NO TOURNAMENT FEE FOR PRIMARY PROBLEM TEAMS.**

HAVE TEAM MEETING AND DECIDE HOUSING:

- a) Check with school to see if any financial help is available.
- b) No field trip forms are necessary this year per district. The school administration may still require field trip procedures be followed. This is not a field trip, but the coach is in charge of the team during the competition.
- c) If families travel and stay with the team, decide what time is team time and what is family time.
- d) Complete the behavior contract (one per team).
- e) Tell them: **YOU ARE REPRESENTING GULF COAST REGION. BE ON YOUR BEST BEHAVIOR.**

CONTINUE TO PRACTICE SPONTANEOUS

MORE IMPORTANT STUFF ON THE BACK----->

CHANGE WHATEVER THE TEAM WANTS TO CHANGE.

- ✓ Props, backdrops, solution – all can be changed or not as the team decides. Use score analysis given at coach meeting to help them understand scores as feedback.
- ✓ Do new paperwork: style, cost form, outside assistance, behavior contract, team list, etc. Make copies.
- ✓ There is no more division 1A, 1B, OMER, or Cookie, only divisions 1, 2, or 3.
- ✓ Our judges may have missed something. Clarifications can still be posted, but not requested.

SCHEDULES AND WORKER ASSIGNMENTS WILL COME VIA EMAIL FROM FREDA AND STATE.

- ★ Sent no later than two weeks before tournament, so look for it.
- ★ Freda will send at least three emails between now and state, so look for them AND ANSWER WHEN ASKED, PLEASE.

PICK UP STATE FINALIST T-SHIRTS ON DESIGNATED DAYS.

- ◆ Use website (www.gcodyssey.com) to FINALIZE order for all team members and coaches.
- ◆ Complete form and give to person picking up shirts.
- ◆ Make sure the person picking up the shirts is aware if money is owed (extra shirts).
- ◆ Shirts are worn at state awards ceremony. We sit together as a region.

PARKING AT THE ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER IS A REAL LIFE SPONTANEOUS PROBLEM:

- ★ Go online and study the maps.
- ★ Find the SOUTH CONCOURSE.
- ★ Know where you're going BEFORE you get there.
- ★ Go Friday night and scope it out. Team registration available FRIDAY NIGHT!!!
- ★ Have Freda's phone number in your phone: 813-924-0850.

DISCUSS WITH THE TEAM AND FAMILIES THE POSSIBILITY OF GOING TO WORLD FINALS:

- ❖ Costs – at least \$1,000.00 per person
- ❖ Time – conflicts with graduation or end of year events (May 22-25, East Lansing, Michigan)
- ❖ Decide if you will accept or turn down the invitation to Worlds if you earn it, so state can offer it to the next in line that night if applicable. All first and second place teams are invited to World Finals, as well as all Ranatra Fusca Award recipients.

HAVE QUESTIONS? WANT MORE INFO ABOUT STATE? WE HAVE A MEETING FOR THAT: SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 9:00 TO 11:00am – Somewhere yet to be determined.....

