



# NYSOMA Newsletter

*Creative problem solving through teamwork*

Dates to remember: VOLUME 1011, ISSUE 2 FEBRUARY 2011

February 19 - March 12, 2011: Regional Competitions (see page 2)

March 26, 2011: State Tournament

April 9, 2011: Champs meeting

May 27-30, 2011: World Finals

The New York State OM Association, Inc, exists to administer, promote, and execute the guidelines, objectives, and rules of the Odyssey of the Mind program in New York State.



## Buddies Needed

SNYPS is looking for a couple of buddies for the NYSOMA state tournament on Saturday, March 26th. If you have a vehicle available, are a non-smoker, and promise to take good care of our furry friend, we'd love to have you help out.

Please contact Donna Denny at [judges@nysoma.org](mailto:judges@nysoma.org) if you would like to be SNYPS' escort.

## Judges Needed

Judges' registration is now available for the State Tournament. Please go to our website ([www.nysoma.org](http://www.nysoma.org)) and click on "Information about Membership and Judging" in the middle of the bottom of the page. Then choose "Judges for a Regional or State Tournament." You will be automatically redirected to the registration page for New York; select the first item on the list (New York State Tournament on Saturday, Mar 26th) and provide the information requested. You will receive a confirmation e-mail, and later you will receive an acceptance e-mail indicating the problem or area you have been assigned to.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact the Judges' Coordinator, Donna Denny, at [judges@nysoma.org](mailto:judges@nysoma.org).

## Volunteers needed

Several positions are available with the Board of Directors of the New York State Odyssey of the Mind. They include:

**Creativity Booth Coordinator(s)**                      **Assistant State Director**  
**World Finals Team HomeStay Program Coordinator**      **Judges' Coordinator**

The Creativity Booth Coordinator and HomeStay Program Coordinator are needed as soon as possible. Candidates for Assistant State Director and Judges' Coordinator will be interviewed by the Board at their annual meeting in Binghamton in June.

Check out the homepage of our website ([www.nysoma.org](http://www.nysoma.org)) for a brief description of each of the positions. For more details, please contact:

NYSOMA State Director, Jackie Otte [nysomasd@aol.com](mailto:nysomasd@aol.com)  
Or NYSOMA Board Chair, Rick Pray [rick@rpaelectronics.com](mailto:rick@rpaelectronics.com)

## Thanks to the Downeys!

NYSOMA wishes to express its heartfelt THANK YOU!!! to Greg and Cindy Downey for coordinating the Creativity Booth for the last four program years. The Downeys, co-Regional Directors for Region 8, have stored, transported, and staffed the Creativity Booth at the NYSOMA State Tournament as well as at Odyssey of the Mind World Finals. Thousands of OMers throughout the world have benefitted from their dedication and efforts.



## Regional Tournaments

February 19, 2011

Region 15 at York Central School

February 26, 2011

Region 12 at Broome-Tioga BOCES,  
Binghamton

March 5, 2011

Regions 1 & 2 at Rosemary Kennedy Center,  
Wantagh

Region 6 at Hudson Falls High School

Region 7 at Shenendohowa High School East,  
Clifton Park

Region 8 at Ogdensburg Free Academy

Region 9 at Watertown High School

Region 14 at Churchville-Chili Central School,  
Churchville

March 12, 2011

Region 4 at Rensselaer Central School

Region 5 at Orange-Ulster BOCES, Goshen

Region 11 at Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES,  
Auburn

Region 13 at DCMO BOCES, Sidney Center

Region 16 at Medina High School

Region 19 at Wellsville Middle/High School

Region 21 at Broadalbin-Perth Central School

If you are a judge and can help out by judging in a neighboring region, please contact the RD of that region. The contact information can be found at [www.NYSOMA.org](http://www.NYSOMA.org), by clicking on Region Info, and then Regional Directors.

## Workshops Available

During the 2010-2011 program year, over 175 participants attended the Coaches' Training and Spontaneous workshops sponsored by NYSOMA. These events, held on Saturdays in regions 7, 16, 19, and 21, were well-received by those who attended.

Coaches who are interested in attending one or both of these workshops should contact their Regional Director regarding the possibility of hosting a workshop. You can check our website periodically to see if a workshop has been scheduled in your region or a neighboring region.



## New York Wins at World Finals!

One of the must-sees at every World Finals is the Creativity Festival. Omeers from around the world spend countless hours viewing and participating in the booths that are sponsored by the participating state and national organizations.

This past year, New York State Odyssey of the Mind earned the distinction of "Most Creative Booth" at the Creativity Festival. The plaque earned will be on display at the State Tournament at the Creativity Booth, located at the Lower Lobby of UU West. The Booth will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## 2011 Pin Designs

The NYSOMA pins for this program year are hot off the press! Super SNYPS, seen below, is two inches high. The puzzle pieces, which range in size from 1 1/2 inches to 1 3/4 inches high, form the outline of New York State when placed together. And we're please to offer another in our series of oval pins this year.

You will be able to purchase the pins, along with other Odyssey of the Mind merchandise, at the Lecture Hall from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the UU West Lobby from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and at the Upper Level of the Events Center from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

We will again have our pin design area set up near the Spontaneous Holding Room. Remember, pin designs can be sent in year round. You can e-mail your idea or sketch to [nysomasd@aol.com](mailto:nysomasd@aol.com).

