

Seldens Landing Odyssey of the Mind - Parent Commitment

I, as the parent of an Odyssey of the Mind (OOTM) participant, know that OOTM is a commitment on the part of our family.

Check each box below to indicate acceptance of that statement.

I understand that:

- OOTM is a **long-term commitment** and I will ensure my child will attend and participate at each team meeting. If there is a conflict, I or my child will notify the coach in advance, if possible.
- I **cannot assist** with the actual development or construction of the team's long-term problem solution, including hints or ideas to help them. It is their project, and only their minds can solve the problem. However, I can encourage my child to think critically by asking open-ended questions.
- No outside assistance** is permitted, including creations, decorations, costumes, ideas, inventions or any other practical advice. The solutions must come from the team. However, I can assist by teaching my child a new skill, educating them on a new concept, or enlisting the help of experts who can.
- OOTM is a **volunteer** program and relies on volunteers to coach teams, judge tournaments and volunteer at meets. I will volunteer and support all those who do.
- If my **child's behavior** at team meetings does not align with the guidelines set forth by the Student Contract, I may be asked to attend all meetings. If unacceptable behavior continues, my child may be asked to leave the team.
- This year's tournament will be held on **February 24th, 2018 (Snow day: March 23^d 2018)**, and I will make plans for my child to be there.
- If my child's team advances to the state and world competition to be held on **April 14th** and from **May 23-26th 2018** respectively, I will make plans for my child to be there.

I agree to support the spirit of OOTM including good sportsmanship, team cooperation and proper manners. I will support the coach and assist the coach as needed.

I agree to be respectful to all volunteers, judges and officials at the tournament even if I am not happy with their decision about my child's team's performance.

I grant permission to use photographs or videos of my participant child in print or online materials designed for news, informational or educational purposes related to the OOTM program.

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____