**Odyssey of the Mind**

**PARENT/STUDENT CONTRACT**

In order to insure that parents and students understand the responsibility and commitment needed by each Odyssey of the Mind member, please take the time to read over and sign this contract with your child.

**STUDENT CONTRACT**

Students, please write **yes** or **no** in front of each item.

\_\_\_\_\_ I realize that no Odyssey of the Mind problem has only one solution, and that a successful team is one that cooperates by considering everyone's solution. I agree to work towards solving problems as a team member.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to treat fellow teammates with respect and kindness. I will listen to and consider their ideas, suggestions and concerns. I will not criticize my teammates.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to cooperate on whatever solution the team chooses, even if it is not my first choice.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if I make a suggestion and the team does not use it, this does not mean that the suggestion was not valuable.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to show respect for my coach(es) and parent volunteers, with the knowledge that they are volunteering their time for my benefit.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree that my behavior at meetings will be constructive. I will participate and work toward all goals set by the team. I will make attending the meetings a priority and if a conflict arises and I cannot attend a session, I will notify my coach in advance.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that “no outside assistance” means that only the team members may contribute thoughts, ideas, suggestions and solutions. I agree that all solutions, including props, costumes, backdrops, scripts, signs, etc. will be made completely by the members of my team.  I realize that if there is any part of our solution that the team cannot complete without adult assistance, we must either redesign that part of the solution or be assessed penalty points at competition.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that once I contribute to the Long Term problem solution I cannot be replaced. If I quit the team at that point, my team cannot replace me, and I hurt the team, who will have to compete with fewer members than desired.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to parents/guardians informed about our OM team, such as team news, schedules, changes, requirements and “homework.”

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to support all of the team Odyssey of the Mind teams and team members at Sanford Creek.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to compete in this year’s tournament in March.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the Odyssey of the Mind program recognizes that all teams that bring a solution to the tournament are considered *winners*. I agree to show other teams the utmost respect and good sportsmanship.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT CONTRACT**

Parents, please initial in front of each item to accept team terms.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree, in the proper spirit of Odyssey of the Mind, not to interfere with the team's solution. All creations, inventions, decorations, ideas, etc. must come from the team members. I will not provide hints or ideas or assist with the development or construction of the team’s Long Term problem solution. I understand that outside assistance is not permitted.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that Odyssey of the Mind is a long term commitment and agree to make every effort to have my child attend and participate at each meeting.  If there is a conflict, my child or I will notify the coach.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I realize that the team coach(es) will be contributing a significant amount to time and efforts to provide a rewarding experience.  I will support the coach and assist the coach when needed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand the Odyssey of the Mind philosophy does not measure team success with scores but by the learning experience and accomplishment that team members feel from solving the problem. I promise to help my child concentrate on having a positive experience.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to support the Spirit of Odyssey of the Mind, including good sportsmanship, team cooperation and proper manners.

Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_