

Dear State Finalist Team and Coach,

Congratulations!

Achieving the top two places at your regional competition is an honor sought by hundreds of teams throughout California. State Finals will be held at Heritage High School in Brentwood (Northern California), on March 27, 2010. As a state finalist, your team represents not only your school and your school district, but also **all** the teams from your region. **To register your team, go to www.odysseyofthemind.com. Click on Member Area and then Tournament Registration and then sign up for the State Tournament. Please register within the next four days.**

As you prepare for State Finals, we encourage you to practice your solution in many different places and before a large variety of people. In addition to your school, don't forget your PTA and school board – always-appreciative audiences! To document your special day, recruit your parents to take pictures and videos – this is one way they **can** help!

During all the excitement, we want to encourage you to enjoy your achievement and focus on teamwork and creativity. Be sure to appreciate and applaud the other teams from California on this very special day of the Odyssey of the Mind State Finals! Also please remind your team we are guests at Heritage High School so keep the campus clean. **You are all winners!**

Sincerely,

Mark Lopes