



March 23, 2023

Dear Local Business,

Exciting News! EPIC Homeschool Academy's Elementary Odyssey Team has qualified to compete in the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals held at Michigan State University this May.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international problem-solving competition that engages students in their learning by allowing their knowledge and ideas to come to life in an exciting, productive environment. Students use different STEAM skills (science, technology, engineering, art, and math), teamwork, and creative problem-solving to figure out a solution to their problem. There are regional and state tournaments leading to the final opportunity to showcase their hard work at World Finals!!

EPIC first began competing in Odyssey of the Mind Tournaments five years ago. This is the first year EPIC will be represented at in-person World Finals. The elementary team chose to solve the problem, "Pirates and the Treasure." In this problem, the team had to build a life-size vehicle "ship", battle an original sea monster, perform an original song, and retrieve the queen's treasure - all within 8 minutes. They will also compete in a spontaneous competition, where they will receive a problem and have a set amount of time to solve it as a team.

The team is beginning their fundraising to participate in the competition. They will need to raise \$5,000 to attend the World Finals Tournament. Please consider making a donation to help fund these students who will represent their communities and the state of Michigan as they compete with other teams from around the globe. Donations will be used towards our team registration fee and lodging, food, and travel expenses.

Donations can be made with the attached form by sending a check payable to "EPIC Academy" to Jen Spica, 2599 Ridge Top Dr., Byron Center, MI 49315 with "Odyssey of the Mind" in the memo line. EPIC Homeschool Academy is a non-profit, making your gift tax-deductible. In appreciation for your donation, we have four levels of sponsorship.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

(Due no later than April 20, 2023)

Bronze Level - Up to \$100: Business name on back of team shirt

Silver Level - \$101+: 2" Business logo on back of team shirt

Gold Level - \$500+: 3" Business logo on back of team shirt

Platinum Level - \$1000+: 4" Business logo on back of team shirt + logo on our bags

Thank you,
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For more information about Odyssey of the Mind or EPIC Homeschool Academy please visit:
odysseyofthemind.com, miodyyssey.com, or epichomeschoolacademy.com



EPIC Academy Donation Form

Please print and submit this form with donations for proper allocation and tax-deductible receipt.

Checks should be made out to EPIC Academy.

1. Name:

2. Address:

3. Phone Number:

4. Email Address:

5. Please select where you would like your donation allocated:

- a. General Donations
- b. Scholarship Fund
- c. Event Specific (ie: Light the Night, please specify)- Odyssey of the Mind

Please check this box if you wish this donation to remain anonymous beyond the administrator and accountant.

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