



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: April 9, 2024

TITLE: Recognition of 2024 Odyssey of the Mind World Teams

BACKGROUND:

Odyssey of the Mind is an international competition that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Amphitheater Public Schools continues to be the top district in participation and achievement in the Arizona Odyssey of the Mind program.

Team members apply their creativity to solve long term problems. They spend months preparing and 8 minutes presenting and they also compete in a “spontaneous” competition where they are given the problem right before they present their solution.

This year, 12 teams earned the right to compete during World Finals being held at Iowa State University, May 21-24, 2024. The following students and their coaches are to be commended for their dedication and high level of accomplishment in this academic competition.

Elementary School

Copper Creek Elementary School Coordinator: Emily LoVerde

Copper Creek Elementary Vehicle Team

1st Place, Division 1

Coaches: Amanda Campion and Emily LoVerde

Team:

Carson Blong
Brandon Campion
Oz Folkman
Rowen Mascareno
Mason Pecharich
Tristan Warfield

Innovation Academy Coordinators: Colin Cordell and Patricia Patchin

Innovation Academy Vehicle Team

1st Place, Division 1

Coaches: Jessica Wheatley and Andrea Pershing

Team:

Mila Garro
Zophia Pershing
Carmen Schlappi
Tatum Shattuck
Ella Taliaferro
Owen Wheatley
Addison Zimmerman

Innovation Academy Structure Team

2nd Place, Division 1

Coach: Jennifer Fernandez and Melissa Crown

Team:

Zia Crown
Sophia Hollen
Julianna Martin
Willow Patrick
Mason Rehm
Gemma Sottosanti
Giada Sottosanti

Innovation Academy Classics Team

1st Place, Division 1

Coaches: Emily Streeter and Desirae Rodriguez

Team:

Melanie Dominguez
Austin Moser
Julius Rodriguez
Slate Salyer
Railyn Stamp
Lauren Wheatley
Luke Zimmerman

Painted Sky Elementary School Coordinator:

Nina Brown

Painted Sky Elementary School Structure Team

1st Place, Division 1

Coaches: Matthew Gasser and Stephanie Gasser

Team:

Myla Facelo
Samantha Frithsen
Jacob Gasser
Laurel Gasser
Grace Shutey
Joseph Shutey

Painted Sky Elementary School Technical Team

1st Place Division 1

Coaches: Nina Brown and Nasima Pfaffl

Team:

Harrison Brown
Adele Carlson
Paige Carlson
Maya Gundy
Linus Herman
James Sobey
Sophia Zuniga

Middle School

Cross Middle School Coordinator: Sara Wilson

Cross Structure Team

2nd Place, Division 2

Coaches: Amanda Campion
and Carey Higgins

Team:

Grace Campion
Gillian Higgins
Ari Laird
Kallen McGuire
Mason McGuire
Brennan Payne
Sam Weiler

Cross Classics Team

2nd Place, Division 2

Coaches: Cori Friezen and
Heather Poyas

Team:

Morgan Friezen
Natalie Jacobs
Sora Kretzer
Lily Poyas
Amelia Weede
Luke Weede
Aurelia Willard

Cross Technical Team

2nd Place, Division 2

Coach: Cris Gosz

Team:

Abby Barrett
Benny Castanada
Ella Fendrick
Avery Grembowski-Wacker
Lola Grembowski-Wacker
Liam Gosz
Elliott Garcia Seminario

High School

Canyon del Oro Coordinator: Lisa DaDeppo

**Canyon del Oro High School
Technical Team**

1st Place, Division 3

Coach: Lisa DaDeppo and
Robyn Yewell

Team:

Keelynn Anderson
Bennett Curran
Carter DaDeppo
Taylor Rayl
Kyndel Smith
Tatum Wilson
Gavin Yewell

**Canyon del Oro High School
Structure Team**

2nd Place, Division 3

Coaches: Leann Calvin

Team:

Lewis Calvin
Bryana Castillo
Austin Christian
Andrew Garza
Allison Landin
Jack Powers

**Canyon del Oro High School
Performance Team**

1st Place, Division 3

Coaches: Amanda Campion
and Scott Lassiter

Team:

E.B. Barraza-Rocha
Lewis Calvin
Seth Campion
Hailey Collins
Caysea Cordell
Cadence Jones
Jessica Lassiter

RECOMMENDATION:

This is presented for the Board's information and recognition.

INITIATED BY:

Jen Anderson

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Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Governing Board

Date: April 2, 2024

Todd A. Jaeger

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