

March 2020

Dear 2020 Odyssey Teams, Coaches, and Judges:

March 14th is almost here, and Millersville University is excited to host PA East Central's 499 Odyssey competitors here for the regional tournament. We hope to make your day of innovation both creative and fun for all 77 teams from 48 schools!

As usual, Stayer Hall will be the site for the Spontaneous competition.

Problems 1, 2, 3, 4 and Primary will take place in the Student Memorial Center (SMC, the "Smack," pictured below). Problem 5 will be held in McComsey Hall.

SMC (Problems 1, 2, 3, 4 & Primary)



Stayer Hall (Spontaneous)



GPS

For those of you using GPS devices

- The Student Memorial Center is located at 21 South George Street, Millersville, Pa 17551.
- Stayer Building is located at 51 Lyte Road, Millersville, PA 17551
- McComsey Hall is 43 East Frederick Street, Millersville PA, 17551. Use the parking lot across from 88 James Street, Millersville, PA 17551.

Before you arrive, please check the maps for the best drop-off locations for your scenery and teams.

Directions

Directions to the tournament at Millersville University and an online campus map can be found at <http://www.millersville.edu/directions/>

Registration at the Student Memorial Center (SMC)

Registration begins at 7:00 am in the University Store lobby on the main floor of the Student Memorial Center on South George Street. Only the coach needs to come to registration to pick up the materials; team members can enjoy some breakfast starting at 7:00 in The Galley Food Court in the SMC.

The registration table closes at 10 am. Teams competing entirely in the afternoon may pick up their registration packet at the merchandise table in the SMC, but must do so at least one hour prior to their competition times.

Parking and Unloading (see map next page)

Parking on Saturday is free, and you will not need a permit to park in the campus lots. Given the layout of the SMC, unloading will be easiest if teams follow these suggestions:

Problem	Location	Unloading	Prop Storage
1	SMC MultiActivity Court Lower Level	Back of the SMC: Off Shenks Lane	In SMC hallways and dance studio (Lower Level)
2	SMC Marauder Court Lower Level	Back of the SMC: Off Shenks Lane	In SMC's hallways and Marauder Court
3	SMC Multipurpose Room, Room 114	Front of the SMC	SMC lobby and hallways (Main Floor)
4	SMC Marauder Court Lower Level	Back of the SMC: Off Shenks Lane	Marauder Court
5	McComsey Hall Ford Atrium	Front of McComsey at James Street Parking Lot	Hallways of McComsey Hall
Primary	SMC 24 Lower Level	Back of the SMC: Off Shenks Lane	SMC Commuter Lounge (Lower Level)

Trucks and other large vehicles should plan to park in the parking lots on Creek Drive, West Frederick Street, and West Cottage Avenue. Do not park any RVs or large trailers/trucks behind the SMC or around the corner of George Street (right in front of SMC main doors) as cars cannot see to go around them. Please have someone at the vehicle at all times while unloading in case you have to move the vehicle. When unloading, please be very quiet in and around Marauder Court, as Problem 2 and 4 teams will be competing in that space all day.



McComsey Hall (Pictured to the left) is where Problem 5 will be held. Unload in the front of the building from the James Street parking lot.

McComsey Hall

McComsey Hall is a new location for Problem 5 this year. Parking is easily available in the Lombardo Center parking lot across from 88 James Street. Enter through the door adjacent to the parking lot.

Prop Storage

Teams performing their long-term problems can store their props upon arrival to Millersville University. Teams who are competing in the afternoon in SMC should consider bringing their sets/props into the building later in the morning due to space in the hallways.

The SMC Marauder Court is a very busy location and will host Problem 4 in the morning, Problem 2 in the afternoon, and the Awards Ceremony. Please be aware of the activity in this room when bringing in and carrying out sets, and be considerate to the teams and judging teams in this space.

Please remember to remove your props from campus.

Spontaneous Problem Competition

Please arrive in the Stayer Lobby 15 minutes before your team's scheduled competition time. Your promptness helps us stay on schedule and keeps us on time for the Awards Ceremony.

Teams can relax with their Head Coach in the Stayer Multipurpose Room (Room 100/101) Holding Room prior to the competition. No one is allowed to watch Spontaneous competitions, and team members are NOT allowed to talk about the problem after they participate.

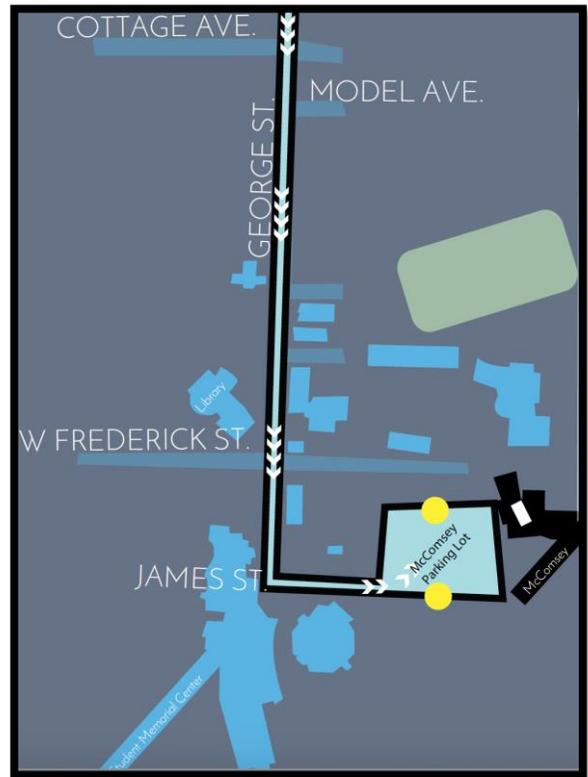
Parents, please plan to meet with your team after the event in the Stayer lobby or in the nearby Cove (where you can grab some hot drinks while you wait).

Merchandise

Merchandise will be available in the hall just outside of the SMC MPR on the main floor, and this year will also be available in Stayer. Merchandise is available from 7:00 to 2:30 and at the Awards Ceremony starting at 4:30. Get a souvenir of the event to remember this year of creativity.

Emergencies

- For Medical Emergencies, go to the Urgent Care Center at 2118 Spring Valley Rd, Lancaster, PA 17601, (717) 544-0150
- For OM Emergencies contact Lynn Fyfe at 717-951-3932.
- For Police Emergencies, contact MU Police at 717-871-4357.



Food and Snacks during the Day



The Galley Food Court in the Student Memorial Center will open at 7:00 am this year to serve your breakfast needs (The Cove will open at 7:30). The Galley will have a full menu, including a salad bar, during the day. The Galley will be open until 3:30 pm and The Cove Deli-Convenience Center (to the left of Lyle Building by Stayer) will also be open until 3:30 pm. They accept cash, MasterCard & Visa.

The campus food court and deli provide spaces to eat for their customers. As with regular restaurants, you should not bring in outside food or coolers. Thanks for your understanding.



Competition Courtesy and Expectations

Remain quiet around Marauder Court, Multi Activity Court, and the SMC Multi-Purpose Room as teams will be competing in those areas during the day. If your prop storage is in a room where performances are taking place, please do not stand and talk in the prop storage area. Take any conversation outside of the room.

Please time your entries and exits from performance areas so that no one is disturbed. Doors will be closed and monitored during performances. This is especially important for problems in the SMC MPR, as this problem's doors open to a lobby where people often talk.

Millersville University donates use of the facilities to Odyssey for its tournament, and their generosity should be returned by our care in the use of their facilities. Please pick up all trash and remove all props and scenery from the campus. We expect Millersville University rooms, halls, waiting areas, and bathrooms will be as clean as when Odyssey came.

While Millersville University students will be on break during this competition, you may have students and faculty around who are curious about the tournament. Please share your enthusiasm for the event!

Tournament Preparation

Check the forecast and make sure to have a strategy to cover your props and costumes in case of snow or rain. If good weather is headed our way, bring Frisbees, soccer balls, or other outside games to have some fun on campus in between events. Card games and other inside activities come in helpful in inclement weather.

Fix Kit

You've planned and planned for this day. Remember to prepare for the unexpected. Coaches should talk with their teams to see what items might be good to bring "just in case." Duct tape, paper clips, twist ties, hair ties, needle and thread, markers, cardboard, hammer and nails, and other helpful items are not readily available at the university during Spring Break.

Activities on Campus

SKULLY (MU Mascot)

Grab a selfie with Skully from 10am-noon at the SMC.

GARRISON CARIDA

From 4-7pm, Millersville University will be visited by Star Wars characters at SMC.

Don't be alarmed—but do bring your cameras!
Post selfies and instagrams to #OotMMU20.
May the force be with you.



4:00 on-- AWARDS, DANCE AND PARTY

Finally, hang out, see who goes to States, and dance at the Awards Ceremony at 4:00 at SMC Marauder Court. Note: All Primary teams will receive awards after their performances in SMC 24.

We look forward to seeing you and your selfies on March 14th—post throughout the day using #OotMMU20 to share your excitement!



Submit your competition day team photos to be included in our slideshow! Email any pictures to ECPAOM@Dropevent.com before 3:00 on March 14, and we will include them if we can!



Find us at:
Instagram: @ecpaodysseyofthemind
Snap Chat: @ECPAOdyssey
Facebook: East Central PA Odyssey

Until then, keep innovating!!

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