

# Odyssey of the Mind Auburn Teams

On Saturday March 28, 2015, the **Auburn Middle School and Edward Little High School Odyssey of the Mind Teams** were awarded **first place** for their problem and division at the **State Tournament** in Sanford!

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program where teams of children that range from kindergarten through college use creativity to solve a particular problem. The teams work all year solving their problems, which range from building technical, mechanical devices, to creating and performing their own creative interpretation of a literary classic. They then compete against teams of the same division at the local, state, and if they are lucky, the World level, which includes the participation of roughly 25 countries. It's truly an extraordinary experience and an honor to attend World Finals!

It's such an honor to qualify to participate at this extraordinary event, but in order to get there the two teams **need to raise a total of \$15,000** to purchase plane tickets and pay for room and board while in Michigan.

Because **both teams placed first in the state** we are **eligible to attend the World Finals at Michigan State University**, they have been feverishly raising funds to support their journey to the World Finals. The teams have successfully raised funds in a variety of ways including:

- ❖ *Dine to Donate* events at local restaurants
- ❖ A yard sale
- ❖ Bottle drives
- ❖ A dance at AMS
- ❖ A calendar raffle for the month of May
- ❖ Corporate and Private solicited donations

Any individuals who wishes to help may do so by **making a tax deductible donation** either **online** through the Auburn Educational Foundation at <http://auburneducationalfoundation.org> (click on the Donate button) or **mail a tax deductible donation** by check or money order payable to **Auburn School Department/AMS OM** or **Auburn School Department/ELHS OM** to:

Auburn School Department/OM  
c/o Denise Johnson  
60 Court St., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Auburn, ME 04210

On behalf of the AMS and EL Odyssey of the Mind team, **thank you** for your consideration to our request.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Marris at Fairview School (207-784-3559) or e-mail her at: [smarris@auburnschl.edu](mailto:smarris@auburnschl.edu).

