



Senior Odyssey Coach Job Description

Purpose: The coach of the Senior Odyssey team will help guide and motivate participants to learn to solve difficult problems using creative and critical-thinking skills. Coaches may coach in pairs when possible.

Responsibilities:

Each Senior Odyssey Coach will:

- Participate in the Odyssey of the Mind Coach training
- Supervise all meetings and ensure safety and productivity of team members.
 - Teams will meet a minimum of 1-2 hours/week, but may be more often.
 - Coaches must commit to a minimum of 12 consecutive weeks
- Help the team learn how to read and understand the Long-Term problem, and brainstorm solutions
- Teach the team how to solve spontaneous problems, teach strategies for doing spontaneous problem solving.
- Avoid giving direct input—considered “outside assistance” for Long-Term and Style solutions; help prevent others from doing so.
- Keep the team on task
- Teach the team the skills they need, or help find someone who can teach them; help them obtain materials
- Be certain that forms are filled out by the team and all forms are submitted on time.
- Help recruit participants and judges
- Encourage the team member to work collaboratively
- Help get the team to the tournament, with props, supporters and self-confidence in their solution

Criteria:

- Experience or interest in working with older adults
- Patient and Dependable
- Enthusiastic and creative
- Excellent organizational and communication skills

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