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Easter Seal Poster Child is an OM Team Player

Between a hectic travel schedule that includes meetings at the White House and national television appearances, Bridget Houlihan, the National Easter Seal representative, makes certain that she doesn't miss her OM meetings. Bridget, 12, attends Place Middle School in Denver, Colorado and is working with team members Kalisha Brown, Aspen Carney, Ken Greist, Germaine Hunter, Meredith Tease, and Briana Snow on the Transformation problem.

A bright, fun, chatty 7th grader with a sense of humor, Bridget is playfully greeted with "Hey Speedy," by fellow classmates as she moves down the hall with her walker.

She is quick to quip about her walker (or wheel chair) with this spirited response: "The way I see it, everyone has a handicap, whether its braces, or glasses, or whatever. Mine is just more visible."

As the National Easter Seal representative, Bridget travels around the country, thanking contributors and telling her story. In her spare time, she rides her adapted bike with her friends, writes plays and reads mysteries.

Bridget attended the Colorado Easter Seal camp for the last three years where she went white-water rafting and mountaineering. Her favorite pop artists are Huey Lewis and the News.

She lives with her parents, Tom and Patsy Houlihan and her golden retriever. She hopes to attend Princeton University in the future.

In the meantime, she has three wishes. "I want to be able to walk," she said. "And I hope to be really successful as a grown-up, and help open shelters for homeless people."

Portions of this article were excerpted, with permission, from an article by Ann Carnahan that appeared in the Rocky Mountain News.

Colorado Holds Reception for OM Founder

by Matt King — Age 9



"Never underestimate the creativity of our youth," said Sam Micklus, founder of Odyssey of the Mind, at a reception in his honor on Saturday, January 26, 1991. The event, which was also a fund-raiser for Colorado OM, was held at the Driscoll Center at the University of Denver.

Omer, the mascot for OM, celebrated his third birthday as well. The crowd of 700+ people sang happy birthday to him.

There are now 9100+ members of OM in 45 states and many foreign countries. Colorado has the fifth largest organization. In his speech, Dr. Micklus praised Jim Kaiser of Green Gables Elementary School as a pioneer of Colorado OM and the person who got OM started in Wyoming.

Dr. Micklus told all of the students, "You are a winner if you try." At the end of his speech he was awarded a Colorado OM poster.

Editor's Note: The event, suggested by the Colorado Corporate Relations Committee, helped to raise funds for Colorado's OM teams.

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Tips on How to Renew Your OM Membership

by Rene Goodwin and Denise Reinhart — OM Staff Members

To renew your OM membership, use the form on page 4 of this Newsletter. Below are some suggestions that will expedite the processing of your 1991-92 OM membership application:

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The *membership name* refers to the name of a school, program, or community group. Please do not write your name or the name of the coach on this line. Do not list team names such as "The Purple Problem Eaters" or the "Light Bulbs."

When selecting your *membership category*, remember that school memberships are not registered to a district as a whole. The membership must be for a specific school—or schools in the case of a "C" membership. Indicate your membership type by circling the appropriate category (marked A-F) on the application form.

The *coach's school address* is the address to which we will ship all materials. If this is a home address, rather than a school address, please cross out the word "school" and substitute the word "home" on the form. Please write the county name and zip code legibly. This information is required for the shipment of all material.

PAYMENT PROCEDURES

To process a membership, your request must be accompanied by a purchase order, check, or money order payable in US funds. *If you fax us your purchase order, and subsequently mail the original, please note that your original request was faxed.* This will avoid duplicating orders. If you are sending a purchase order from your business office, please be sure the membership name is clearly indicated. If the purchase order covers more than one membership, please list the membership name and mailing address for each membership. When payment is mailed, please indicate our invoice number on your check or money order.

Remember, we receive many applications at the beginning of the school year. Any incomplete or inaccurate information will only delay our ability to process your membership. If you need additional help or have any questions regarding your membership name or category, please call our office for assistance.

Allow several weeks for processing and delivery of your membership packet. If you are ordering books with your membership, delivery will take a bit longer since memberships with books are shipped fourth class mail.

Reminder. . . The summer issue of the Odyssey of the Mind Newsletter will be mailed in July. If you are not at school then, please contact your school concerning the newsletter's arrival. If your school closes for the summer, ask your post office personnel to keep it for you. Since the newsletter is bulk mailed, if your school is closed for the summer, the newsletter becomes undeliverable. The post office keeps it ten days before throwing it away.



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1992-93 ODYSSEY OF THE MIND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND ORDER FORM

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(Please indicate your membership type by circling the appropriate category below.)

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- B** Home-School students in a certified home-school program are eligible under this program category. In competition, may enter one team per problem.
- C** Small schools with one principal. One principal who serves two or more schools may join for the schools he or she serves. In competition, may enter one team, per problem, per division, for each division housed within the schools. Memberships under this category are to use the name of the school district, such as "Glassboro Schools".
- E** College / University / Military.
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