

## Published May 8th, 2024 Deep Space Sea Leopards advance to Worlds Submitted by Dory Coombe



The Lafayette Elementary Odyssey of the Mind Team is thrilled to share that they qualified both for the state and Worlds tournament, after their Deep Space Structure held 365 pounds and they gave a funny and creative performance about space. The team included Kate Lordan, Mackenzie Renno, Adam Brown, Graham Brown, Calder Yang, and Dory Coombe. Their Coaches were Amy Coombe and Austin Yang.?

The Odyssey of the Mind program gives kids the opportunity to use creativity to become problem-solvers as a team. Each team selects a problem that they work together to solve over four to six months. The Lafayette Elementary team selected a problem that was space themed and included a balsa wood structure that was tested for how much weight it could hold. They learned to think creatively in order to stay within their budget for props, write a funny script, and test which structure

Photo provided

design would hold the most weight.

Coach Austin reflects, "It was fantastic to see the team apply their creativity to solving problems. They accomplished so much. Amy and I are really proud of the hard work they put in this year." Team member Adam Brown shared "I loved testing out different structure designs and also getting to know my teammates better."?

Odyssey of the Mind is really fun and challenging; the Deep Space Sea Leopards encourage you to join an Odyssey of the Mind team at your school.

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