



Hillcrest's Odyssey of the Mind team, above, is heading for the national finals.  
(Submitted photo)

## Odyssey team takes top honors in state

The Hillcrest Middle School Odyssey of the Mind team came in first place in the state competition March 28. The Hillcrest team will represent Connecticut at the World Finals which will be held at Iowa State University from May 27 to May 30. This is the fourth consecutive year Hillcrest has represented the state.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international creative problem-solving program for students K-12 and college. Odyssey provides teams with the opportunity to learn creative problem solving, teamwork, brainstorming, self-reliance and respect for individual strengths.

Team members apply their creativity to solve problems

that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition.

Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 other countries participate in the program. The Hillcrest team competed against 18 other teams in Division II. Trumbull was also represented by three other teams at the state competition, including a Trumbull High School team, a second Hillcrest team and a combined Daniels Farm and Booth Hill elementary school team.

To make a contribution to help send this team to the national competition in Iowa,

send a check payable to HMS PTA to: HMS OM Team, c/o Linda Hayden, 1 Woodcrest Avenue, Trumbull, CT 06611. For more information about Odyssey of the Mind visit the Web sites [CTOM.org](http://CTOM.org) and [OdysseyoftheMind.com](http://OdysseyoftheMind.com).