

The Clark Sports Center
Eighth Grade Odyssey Scholarship Application

Application Due Date: **TWO WEEKS AFTER SCHOOL VISIT!**

Course Dates: 3 sessions, Summer 2017;
July 2nd – 12th, July 16th–26th, July 30th- August 9th

Applicants must be in 8th grade and be enrolled at one of our scholarship schools. Students who apply need only be energetic, committed to the challenges offered by Odyssey, and willing to risk 11 days of summer to learn more about themselves, their adventure companions and their environment. Grades earned in school are NOT a deciding factor in awarding scholarships.

There are many people who can answer your questions about Odyssey: seek out those who went on a course in the past, talk to your school coordinator, call us at Clark Sports Center (607) 547-2800 extension 124, or email me at WeinertW@clarksportscenter.com

Your parent/guardian **must** sign the bottom of your application (space provided) which signifies they have read the attached parent letter and understand that you are applying for this scholarship. We will not consider your application without it!

From the questions listed on the next page, please respond to **four**. These are challenging questions—there are no easy answers, and there is no single right answer. Our best advice is to provide thoughtful, thorough and creative responses: answers that will give us a clear picture of **who** you are. It is the quality of your ideas and the depth of your commitment that is most important!

Attach your answers to this page and return the application to you school coordinator.

Name _____ School _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Home Phone (with area code) _____

Email address _____

Parent/Guardian: Please sign below, signifying you have read the attached letter:

Signature _____

Questions (choose and answer any four)

Please type or print legibly

1. Participants in Odyssey will experience and learn different leadership skills. What do you consider the single most important quality of a leader? Why?
2. If one of your Odyssey companions became homesick during the course, what are some things you could do to help?
3. From what you have learned about Odyssey, what part of the course might be most difficult for you?
4. Not everyone is willing to apply for an Odyssey Scholarship. What makes you willing?
5. Someone once said, "A person's character is what he, or she, does when no one is looking". What does that mean to you?
6. If you were chosen as a leader of your Odyssey group for one day, how do you think others in your group would respond to your leadership style?
7. Even when you are not designated as leader of a group, what are some things that you could do to help ensure the group's success?
8. What is there about you that will have a positive influence on your Odyssey group? Why do you think it might be important?

Letter to Parent/Guardian

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your son or daughter has elected to apply for a scholarship to participate in The Clark Sports Center Odyssey Scholarship Program for eighth grade students. If accepted, your student is making a commitment to fulfill the responsibilities inherent in receiving this scholarship.

These responsibilities include: attending an information session AND an orientation afternoon at Clark Sports Center, completing the 11 day course during one of the three sessions throughout the summer, (in the Adirondack Park), and participate in at least one service project organized for our alumni Odyssey students. They may also choose to participate in other activities organized by Clark Sports Center throughout the year. If these responsibilities cannot be met, students are discouraged from applying, as there are limited positions available.

We are asking parents of interested students to be involved in the application process by talking with your son or daughter about Odyssey and supporting their commitment to undertake this wonderful opportunity provided by Clark Sports Center. **Please sign the front of their application (space provided) signifying you are aware of their intentions.**

If you have questions as to the nature of Odyssey, please call Clark Sports Center, 607.547.2800, ext. 124, or contact me by email, WeinertW@clarksportscenter.com

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