

# HARO Calendar 2017-18

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## September 2017

- ~~Saturday 9~~ Parent Awareness Meeting, 2 to 4 pm (POSTPONED to Sep 23)  
Saturday 23 Houston - Parent/Teacher Awareness Meeting, 2 to 4 pm, Awty International  
Saturday 30 Houston - Coaches' Training - 1 to 6 pm - at River Oaks Elem.

## October 2017

- Sunday 1 Team online registration opens  
Sunday 15 Judge online registration opens

## November 2017

- Saturday 18 Houston - Spontaneous Workshop (tentative)

## December 2017

- Friday 15 Team registration closes

## January 2018

- Sunday 7 HARO - Judge registration deadline for team credit  
Sunday 7 HARO - Tournament Staff registration deadline for membership credit  
TBA Tournament Staff Orientation 8-9 pm (must rsvp) - Location TBA

## February 2018

- Sunday 4 Deadline for 2-hr Volunteer registration for team credit  
Saturday 10 Judges Training, afternoon  
TBA Tournament Staff Orientation 8-9 pm (must rsvp) - Location TBA  
Saturday 24 HARO tournament - all day - Waller High School

## April 2018

- Friday 13 State Team Mixer  
Saturday 14 State tournament - Paul Revere MS & Walnut Bend Elem.

# Did you know?

How much do you know about the Odyssey of the Mind program? Here are a few facts and trivia to test your knowledge and to remind you that the Odyssey of the Mind - Texas team is here to answer all your questions.

- ❖ The Houston Area Region Odyssey (known as HARO) contained 70 memberships in 2017 and had 171 teams represented at the Regional tournament.
- ❖ In 2017, 86 Houston teams advanced to State and 17 teams advanced to World Finals!
- ❖ 37 U.S. States and 30 foreign countries were represented at World Finals by 834 teams! That is approximately 5,400 team members at an International event. Imagine all these members and their families at Opening Ceremonies in a 14,000 seat stadium!
- ❖ Odyssey of the Mind - TX is a 100% Volunteer organization. Every single Board member, Problem Captain, Committee Member, Coordinator, Judge, etc that you meet is a volunteer.
- ❖ It takes over 4,500 volunteer hours to organize and run a HARO tournament.

We welcome all help, whether you can offer 2, 10, 50 or 100 hours, we will find a slot for you. Feel free to contact us at [houstonvols@txodyssey.org](mailto:houstonvols@txodyssey.org). Pass the word!

We have several communication channels for you:

Our website [www.txodyssey.org](http://www.txodyssey.org) is constantly updated from September to May. We provide detailed information for teams, judges, volunteers.

Join our **Coaches' Mailing List** to receive updates on current news and deadlines. You must re-join each year. <https://goo.gl/forms/pSLH7G2piJfzB43W2>

All co-coaches are also encouraged to join the group and visit the website to remain informed without relying on the coach to pass on information.

For tournament and procedural questions, contact [houston@txodyssey.org](mailto:houston@txodyssey.org), specifying your school and team information.