

2017 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

- On May 24-27 2017, 18,000 elementary through high school level finalists, coaches, chaperones, parents and volunteers, from 831 teams competed in this creative, problem-solving extravaganza
- 646 teams were from the U.S. (33 states) and 185 from 15 other countries
- Participants interacted with scientists and educators representing several NASA projects organized by the NASA Earth Science Education Collaborative project
- 1,000 attended 16 talks- NASA eTheater science presentations
- 4,000 visited the NASA table with hands-on activities and materials

For additional information on NASA sessions and presentations:
<https://sites.google.com/view/nasa-ootm17>

Over 4,000 attended 85 NASA Classroom sessions:

- Space Rocks and Lunar Samples
- Solar Eclipse 2017
- GLOBE Observer Citizen Science – Mosquito Habitat Mapper and Clouds
- Why are Hurricane Winds so Strong?
- Pho the Photon Bouncy Ball Activity
- Kites – Remotely-sensed Earth observations through kite-based ‘AEROKATS’
- Soil Mapping: NASA Soil Moisture Active-Passive Mission (SMAP)

NASA Earth Science Education Collaborative Team Participants:

Cassie Soeffing, IGES; Trena Ferrell, GSFC; Brian Campbell, GSFC/GST;
Dorian Janney, GSFC/ADNET; Erika Podest, NASA JPL;
Mike Taylor, GSFC/SSAI

Mission Earth: Kevin Czajkowski, University of Toledo

Project AREN: David Bydlowski and Andy Henry, Wayne RESA

CYGNSS Science Team: Frank Marsik, University of Michigan

Solar System Ambassador: Nicolle Zellner, Albion College



Images clockwise from top: Nicolle Zellner talks about NASA lunar samples; Erika Podest shares a SMAP activity; students fly AEROKATS; and students engage in Pho the Photon activity