

DV'S 2008 TEAMS

PROBLEM 1

Division I

Shohola*: Rachel Beals
Daneen Decker
Erik Lindaas
Gwen Nathan
Justin Pranga
Alexandra Ratiner
Ivan Smith
Coach Nancy Ommundsen

Division II

DVES*: Kendall Baird
Scott Brown
Soo Gartland
Zach Hines
Grant Larsen
Jeana Rios
Wyatt Sebring
Coach Gail Sebring

DDMS:** Tom Davidson
Kristen DeVilliers
Joe Harrison
Cara Knieser
Megan Pfuehler
Alex Testino
Courtney Thompson
Coach Cathy Davidson
Asst. coach Steve Tarquini

DVMS****

Meghan Benson
Cody Fitzsimmons
James Herzog
Cortney Mandoske
John Van Vynck
Robert Vargas
Coach Jean Sandberg

Division III

DVHS:** Sam Daniels
Harrison Forbes
Casey Markowitz
Rachel McKean
David Thatcher
Sarah Thatcher
Dan Tschop
Coach Scott Llewellyn

PROBLEM 2

Division I

SES:** Laura Brown
Jed Daniel
Nicole Dardia
Bailey Kislak
Brianna Kislak
Nicholas Retallick
Tyler Williams
Coach Cheryl Hodany

DDES****:

Brent DeGennaro
Samantha Ehlers
Sydney Famularo
Dyllinger Hines
Dillan Miller
Ryan Resciek
Sarah Richter
Coach Linda Richter

Division II

DDMS:** Dustin DeVilliers
John Maffei
Emily McKinney
Erin McNeely
TJ Mincer
Alex Richter
Eric Winkler
Coach Geri McKinney

DVES****:

Cole Aceveno
Jacob Benson
Laura Fuchylo
Steven Gosch
Angelo Matz
Allison Wall
Coach Andrea Benson
Coach Kathy Fuchylo
Coach Jeff Benson

Division III

DVHS*: Brandon Dizirko
Taylor Engle
Nicolle Herzog
Sean McCarthy

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

Eight DV teams place first at regional meet

DINGMANS FERRY, PA. — Nearly 500 of Northeast Pennsylvania's most creative minds competed in a regional tournament in the international problem-solving competition Odyssey of the Mind March 8 on Delaware Valley School District's Dingman-Delaware campus.

First- and second-place teams in each division and problem will compete at state finals in Altoona April 12. State winners will have the chance to compete against teams from across the United States and other countries at World Finals

at the University of Maryland in late May.

The region congratulates its talented students for their unique and creative solutions to the 2008 Odyssey of the Mind problems and wishes them good luck at state finals. Regional staff also thank the coaches, judges, officials, parents and volunteers who all made the March 8 tournament a success.

The eight first place-winning DV teams are pictured below; they are indicated with a single asterisk in the accompanying list.

Another five DV teams finished in second place, qualifying for state competition; they are indicated with two asterisks. An additional five DV teams finished in third or fourth place in their divisions; they are indicated with three or four asterisks.

All DV contestants are listed on this page.

For more information, visit www.nepaootm.com.

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Winning teams



Shohola Elementary School's Problem 1 Division I team, from left, Justin Pranga, Erik Lindaas, Daneen Decker, Alexandra Ratiner, Ivan Smith, Gwen Nathan, Rachel Beals and, in back, coach Nancy Ommundsen



Delaware Valley Elementary School's Problem 1 Division II team, Wyatt Sebring, Zach Hines, Scott Brown, Grant Larsen, Jeana Rios, coach Gail Sebring, Kendall Baird and Soo Gartland



Dingman-Delaware Middle School's Problem 2 Division II team, in back from left, Emily McKinney, Erin McNeely, coach Geri McKinney and TJ Mincer; and, in front, Alex Richter, John Maffei, Eric Winkler and Dustin DeVilliers



Delaware Valley High School's Problem 2 Division III team, from left, Sean McCarthy, Brandon Dizirko, Kelly Smith, Nicolle Herzog, Tyler McCarthy, Lisa Smith, Taylor Engle and coach Jan Smith



DVHS' Problem 3 Division III team, in back: Lauren Dean; middle, from left, Michelle Buccine, Emily Neumann, Becca Reitmeyer, Dayna Richter, Kellsey Charity and coaches Luann Charity and Julia Dean; and, in front, Dustyn Hines



Delaware Valley Middle School's Problem 4 Division II team, from left, Cody Sebring, Danielle Azzollini, Emily Belsterling (kneeling), Marina McRae, Wilson Moore, Martin Strenk and Shannon Baird, and, in back, coach Joe Walker



DVHS' Problem 4 Division III team, from left, coach Terry Balton, Megan Gumpfer, Dustin Balton, Jenna Pike, coach Chuck Pike, Brittany Naundorff, Matthew Neumann and Richard Cheng



The Shohola Elementary Problem 5 Division I team, from left, Joey Centanni, Gabie Felix, Shannon Ferguson, Kristin Jones, James Montemarano, Abrar Shamim, Brooke Todd and coach Christine Smith

Tyler McCarthy
Kelly Smith
Lisa Smith
Coach Jan Smith

PROBLEM 3 Division I

DDES:** Danielle Cawley
Christopher DeVilliers
Joshua Hernandez
Justin Knoepfel
Brittany Mross
Corryn St. Thomas
Patrick Testino
Coach Vanessa Dunlap

Division III

DVHS*: Michele Buccine
Kellsey Charity
Lauren Dean
Dustyn Hines
Emily Neumann
Rebecca Reitmeyer
Dayna Richter
Coaches Luann Charity
Coach Julia Dean

PROBLEM 4 Division II

DVMS*: Danielle Azzollini
Shannon Baird
Emily Belsterling
Marina McRae
Wilson Moore
Cody Sebring
Martin Strenk
Coach Joe Walker
Coach Katie McRae

Division III

DVHS*: Dustin Balton
Richard Cheng
Megan Gumpfer
Brittany Naundorff
Matthew Neumann
Jenna Pike
Coach Terry Balton
Coach Chuck Pike

PROBLEM 5 Division I

SES*: Joey Centanni
Gabie Felix
Shannon Ferguson
Kristin Jones
James Montemarano
Abrar Shamim
Brooke Todd
Coach Christine Smith

DDES****:

Elizabeth Christian
Lawrence Cicileo
Jessica Driesse
Randi LaCagnina
Claudia Sroka
Rebecca Stieb
Daniel Yoon
Coach Bernadette Cortes-Driesse

Division II

DDMS:** Elijah Collins
Brigid Donlon
Kate Hammond
Amber Mross
Nick Sanborn
Jessie Wagenhoffer
Miranda Zinn
Coach Karen Wagenhoffer

SES****:

Anna Chamberlin
Taryn Ficken
Heather Reitmeyer
Maisha Shamim
Rachael Smith
Deanna Trupia
Isabella Wood
Coach Katie Reitmeyer

DDPS:

Emma Baisley
Paige Collins
Dylan Kelly
Kailee Dreher
Juliann Winkler
Patrick McNeeley
Faith Fucatola
Coach Jan Schneck
Coach Lauren Carter