

Ouachita Baptist University Mathematics and Computer Science Puzzle in Place 2020

Frequently Asked Questions

What is this?

Puzzle in Place is a summer puzzle-solving event! For students, alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and anyone else who wants to participate, it's an opportunity to indulge in some fun and interesting puzzles (and bragging rights). For both incoming and returning MathCS students, it is also a friendly competition with a chance to earn a gift card for the OBU Bookstore!

How do I obtain the puzzles?

Every Monday, beginning June 1, we will post a new set of puzzles to the MathCS Facebook page. By the second week of the event, we hope to also have puzzles and leaderboards available on the web.

How do I submit my solutions?

The easiest approach is to print out the puzzle sheet and then take a picture of your solution(s). Then send your work as an attachment to mathcschair@obu.edu. *If possible, please convert your pictures to PDF format in order to reduce the file size!*

Deadlines?

Puzzle solutions are due by 5:00 PM CDT two weeks after they are posted. (For example, the June 1 puzzles are due by 5:00 PM on June 15.)

How do I earn points?

Students can earn up to five points for each week's puzzles. There will be ten weeks of puzzles, for a total of 50 points available. A leaderboard will be compiled weekly.

How do I earn a prize?

The three *students* earning the most points will each be awarded a \$50 gift card for the OBU Bookstore. We also guarantee a \$50 gift card for the incoming student with the highest score. Only students attending OBU in the Fall of 2020 will be eligible for prizes, but we hope everyone will still participate in the puzzling!

How do I ask a question about PiP 2020?

Post a message on our facebook page or send an email to mathcschair@obu.edu.