


# North Carolina Odyssey of the Mind



## Eastern Region

### **Hello Odyssey of the Mind Coaches and Coordinators!**

Whether your teams are beginning to organize or already have started meeting, below is information about our regional events which we hope can help you plan through the end of this calendar year.

### **COACHES TRAINING, OCTOBER 28**

Coaches Training is coming up soon! We will have a variety of sessions of interest to both new and seasoned coaches. Some sessions are popular classics, such as Spontaneous (now separate sessions for Primary, Div I, and Div II/III), Style, and each Long-Term Problem. Other sessions were introduced last year or are new this year, such as No Trauma No Drama: Tips for a Successful Tournament, Practice Spontaneous Session, and 7 Habits of Highly Successful Teams. If you know what long-term problem your team will be working on, it is helpful to bring a copy of that problem with you.

[Registration](#) is open [ncome.org](http://ncome.org). If you register in advance, the cost is \$15, payable via PayPal online or by cash or check at the event. The cost is \$20 if you register at the door. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

### **SKILLS FAIR, NOVEMBER 11**

Registration for our annual Skills Fair is coming soon and fills up quickly! This year's Fair will be held at Hope Valley Elementary in Durham during the morning of Saturday, November 11, and will include courses such as Creative Use of Materials, Characterization, Basics of Balsa, PVC Pipe, Electricity, and from Script to Stage, among others. In an effort to give as many teams as possible an opportunity to benefit from this information, only three members of each team may attend. A parent or coach must chaperone. We encourage the attending team members to share what they learn with the rest of their teams. You may even want to host a mini-skills fair for your school or program!

The Skills Fair cost is \$10 per team member. Check the [ncome.org](http://ncome.org) website for the registration link coming soon and/or watch for tweets (@NCOMEastern) or Facebook posts announcing it. Please remember that **YOU MUST REGISTER!** Team members who show up on November 11 but have not registered online WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE.

We are always in need of more volunteer presenters! If you are interested in helping, please contact [randy.burton@earthlink.net](mailto:randy.burton@earthlink.net) as soon as possible.

### **COACHES WEBINAR, DECEMBER 2**

Mark your calendars for December 2 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. for a coach's webinar! We'll cover topics such as tournament registration, general coaching tips and strategies, and how to submit clarification requests. There will be lots of time for Q&A! The session will be particularly helpful for newer coaches. The call-in number and WebEx url will be provided in November.

### **TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION EARLY BIRD DEADLINE, DECEMBER 23 and NEW JUDGE/VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION PROCEDURE!**

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It is not too early to be thinking about registering for the tournament! The registration link will be active in November at [ncome.org](http://ncome.org). The Early Bird fees are **\$100 for each Division I, II, or III team, and \$25 for each Primary team**. Registrations paid online or by check mailed after December 23 but before the final deadline of January 27 will cost \$145 for each Division I, II, or III team, and \$25 for each Primary team.

Each team must provide one person to serve as a judge and one person to serve as a volunteer. Your team's JUDGE must be available all day on February 18 AND March 3 and will NOT be able to watch their children perform. Your team's VOLUNTEER must be available for part of the tournament day on March 3, at times which may be scheduled so they CAN watch their children perform. **Beginning this year, you will be required to enter your tournament judge's and volunteer's names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses WHEN YOU REGISTER YOUR TEAM FOR THE TOURNAMENT!**

THIS IS THE TIME TO GET COMMITMENTS FROM TEAM PARENTS TO BE OR FIND JUDGES OR VOLUNTEERS! Judges and volunteers can be parents, co-workers, neighbors, friends, teachers, extended family members or anyone over the age of eighteen who can make the commitment of time and energy to provide an excellent tournament experience for all of our teams!

As the registration deadline approaches, if your team experiences any hardship, emergency, or unexpected difficulty in locating a judge or volunteer, do not hesitate to contact our Regional Director, Tom Hansen, at [Tom.Hansen.OotM@gmail.com](mailto:Tom.Hansen.OotM@gmail.com) or our Tournament Director, Lexie Groner, at [ncometournamentdirector@gmail.com](mailto:ncometournamentdirector@gmail.com) for assistance. We are available to help you brainstorm and get started recruiting now!

We Look forward to seeing you at Coaches Training on October 28!

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