

North Carolina Odyssey of the Mind



**Eastern
Region**

Hello Eastern Region Coaches and Coordinators!

Below are a few timely reminders and an exciting announcement (food)!

1) **The Spontaneous Fair is coming up on Saturday, January 21.** We still have room for more teams but the registration deadline is this Saturday, January 14, or earlier if we run out of space. We're happy to let everyone know that they are confirmed for the session for which they signed up. Register for the Spontaneous Fair [here](#).

2) **The FINAL DEADLINE FOR TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION is Saturday, January 21!** Instructions for registering your team(s) can be found [here](#). Remember that this is required in addition to purchasing your OotM membership at the beginning of the season.

3) **Please nominate your JUDGES ASAP!** We are planning Judges' Training and the Primary Tournament now so we need those judges nominated (and registered!) soon! Nominate your judges [here](#). Judges can register [here](#).

4) **We are very excited to announce the first annual NCOM Eastern Region Tournament FOOD TRUCK RODEO!**

On tournament day there will be a variety of food trucks on site so that teams and spectators can purchase lunch without leaving campus! And for those of you needing a caffeine fix (or two), don't worry! We've called in the coffee cart!

Here's the lineup:

- Dusty's Donuts will start us off right with mini donuts and coffee, as well as hot chocolate or lemonade depending on the weather. They will be staying all day.

The Lunch Crew includes:

- Bandito's
- Ty's All Natural
- Dang Good Dogs
- Chick-N-Que

- And last, but not least, The Kupkake Fairy will be flying in with some dessert!

Want to pre-order lunch for the team and pick it up on site? We've got that covered as well. Bagged Lunch Co. has been catering lunch for the tournament officials for years and now they want to cater for you as well. Details on how to pre-order will be coming soon.

An official schedule, as well as menus, will be provided closer to the tournament date.

Finally, some sad news.

One of our experienced coaches, Andy Moore, tragically died in a firearms accident on Wednesday, January 11th. His Southbridge Fellowship teams have gone to World Finals several times, and they all exemplify the Odyssey of the Mind creative spirit. Andy's family has asked Odyssey of the Mind to accept donations on Andy's behalf, and we have added a link on our [website](#) for that purpose. We are all thinking of the family and the OotM team at this time of loss.

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