


North Carolina Odyssey of the Mind



Eastern Region

Hello Odyssey of the Mind Parents, Coaches and Coordinators!

We hope your season is ready to begin or off to a great start! Coming soon, your regional board is hosting some fun and educational events to help you and your teams.

Coaches Training – October 22

Our NCOME annual Coaches Training is **THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22!** You can register at ncome.org. Come even if you can't register! The cost is \$15 if you register in advance or \$20 at the door. Interested parents and co-coaches are welcome!

We will have some great sessions on Spontaneous, every Long-Term Problem, Style, Outside Assistance, and individual sessions for Coordinators, New Coaches, and Returning Coaches. We also will have **NEW SESSIONS** about Spontaneous Practice (including a demonstration by seasoned competitors and coaches) and team building - among others. This year there will be separate sessions for K2, for Div I and for Div II/III Spontaneous so coaches can expect more specific information. This will be particularly important for Div II/III teams for whom there is are new scoring procedures which teams may see at tournaments. We especially encourage all coaches, new or experienced, to attend a Spontaneous session!

Even if you have attended Coaches Training before, there is more to learn this year! We hope to see you there!

Skills Fair – November 5

Skills Fair is coming up soon as well! We will again be at Hope Valley Elementary School in Durham for this Saturday morning event. There will be practical skills courses for up to three team members including Characterization, From Script to Stage, Electricity and Wiring, Basics of Balsa, PVC Pipe, Creative Use of Materials, Costumes and more! (subject to change... can you teach a session?)

Registration will be open on ncome.org soon. Because there always are more team members interested than we have spots, registration is required! And only three students per team may attend. We expect that team members attending can share what they learn with the rest of the teams and you may choose to have your own mini-skills fair! An adult (coach, parent or other responsible person) must accompany and supervise their registered team members on Saturday.

YOU MUST REGISTER! Team members who have not registered online and show up on November 5, **WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE!** We are highly constrained by space and presenters. Please do not bring extra students. Please do not ask parents/coaches to drive kids to the event if they have not been registered. All handouts will be posted online at www.ncome.org.

We are always in need of more volunteer presenters! If you are interested in helping out with the Skills Fair, please contact Randy Burton at randy.burton@earthlink.net right away!

Resources

There are a lot of helpful information resources on our Eastern Region website, www.ncome.org. There you can find a list of important dates for this season, our Wiki, as well as videos, documents and other resources compiled over the years.

If you bring a flash drive to Coaches Training on October 22, we would be happy to download many of the resources for you! Just ask at the Registration Desk during a break or at the end of the training.

Also always, you can contact Tom at Tom.Hansen.OotM@gmail.com about any questions you may have! We are here to help!

We look forward to seeing you (and a couple team members) soon!

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