

North Carolina Odyssey of the Mind



**Eastern
Region**

Hello Coaches and Coordinators! We had a great day at Judges Training last Saturday! We have excellent judging teams trained and ready for your teams on March 4! All of your judging teams were able to practice in their respective venues during the Primary Tournament, so they are familiar with the space and procedures.

We hope your team preparations are going well also! **Below are a few important notes for your teams before tournament day.**

(1) Volunteers. With the competition less than two weeks out, we are in desperate need of volunteers! **Volunteers work only 2-3 hour shifts which they can schedule at times that don't conflict with their child(ren)'s long-term performance(s)**. Volunteers are very important when it comes to making sure the competition runs smoothly. They make sure teams are not interrupted during performances, maintain safety across campus, help teams get to the right locations, etc. Providing a volunteer is a **requirement** of every competing team, but MANY do not yet have a registered volunteer. Please check and make sure your volunteer has registered! Volunteers can [REGISTER HERE](#) and then will receive an e-mail with a link to another Sign-Up Genius where they can choose their desired job and time. The job/time sign up is first-come/first-served so the earlier your Volunteer signs up the more choices he or she will have!

(2) Forms, Forms, Forms, Forms! Please remember that your team needs to prepare in advance and bring to the tournament **four copies** of their Style Form, **one copy** of their Outside Assistance Form, **one copy** of their Cost Form along with any receipts, and (with the exception of Problem 4 teams) **four copies** of their Team Required List Form. All of these forms can be downloaded from ncome.org and from the Member Area of odysseyofthemind.com. There also is a [Tournament Forms Information](#) handout which may be helpful to your teams in preparing their forms.

(3) Program Guide Rules. Starting on page 36 of the Program Guide, which you also can download from the Member Area if you don't have a copy already, are some important rules that are applicable to all problems. You will find important information there regarding such things as prohibitions against real weapons and parameters for use of fake weapons as props, membership sign requirements, limitations on interactions with judges/audience during the performance, and safety concerns which could result in interruption of the performance by officials, penalties, and/or financial liability if there is damage or risk of

damage to persons or the Wake Tech facility. Please read over these to make sure that your team has the most positive and successful day possible!

(4) General Tournament Information. Remember that all of the tournament information previously e-mailed to you also is available at ncome.org including, but not limited to, team schedules, the [Competition Site Map](#), and the [Tournament Day Info](#), and [Tournament Rules](#) documents. Please note that Wake Tech does NOT allow the use of any fog machines. If you have any other questions which are specific to our tournament and not covered by the Program Rules or other documents provided, please do not hesitate to ask!

We want to reiterate a few points about the tournament day itself:

(1) Awards Ceremonies will be held upstairs in the SSB Conference Center. Teams will line up fifteen minutes beforehand to parade in and are encouraged to bring team/membership banners and fun hats.

3:30pm – Problem 5

4:00pm – Problems 1 and 3

4:30pm – Problems 2 and 4

We hope your teams will stay and make the whole tournament day a celebration of the team's hard work, regardless of the outcome. As long as there is enough audience space, teams are encouraged to watch other teams' long-term performances. You also may want to bring card games, frisbees, or other things for team members to do indoors or outdoors.

(2) Food Truck Rodeo and Pre-Ordered Lunches! Don't forget that this year we are having a Food Truck Rodeo including Dusty's Donuts, Bandito's, Ty's All Natural, Dang Good Dogs, Chick-N-Que, and The Kupkake Fairy! If your team pre-ordered lunches from The Bagged Lunch Co., they will be available for pick-up at the Information Desk downstairs in SSB at lunch time. There also are fast food restaurants nearby and plenty of parking at Wake Tech if you choose to leave and return, but you should not need to!

(3) Safety and Supervision. Finally, while you are on campus, please make sure that all children are supervised. In the past, Wake Tech staff or tournament officials have been alarmed to find OotM team members and other children playing at dangerous heights, throwing large rocks, writing on walls, and damaging trees. That behavior is not safe or appropriate! Please talk to your teams about being respectful of the Wake Tech campus and about representing their school/organization well with their best behavior. We do not want to hurt our good relationship with Wake Tech and, more importantly, ***we do not want students to endanger themselves or others!***

We look forward to seeing you and your teams at Wake Tech on March 4! In the meantime, we hope your team preparations go well and please confirm that your team's volunteer has registered or does register as soon as possible!

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