

North Carolina Odyssey of the Mind



**Eastern
Region**

Hi Eastern Region Coaches and Coordinators!

Are you looking for a fun team building exercise? How about an activity where parents and siblings can actually help? One where Outside Assistance is allowed! Please help raise money for Eastern Region Odyssey of the Mind (OotM) AND get in the holiday mood!

On the American Tobacco Campus in downtown Durham, the Triangle Christmas Tree Challenge is back for a 7th year of fun! They award prizes for local non-profits and the companies that support them. This year, Eastern Region Odyssey of the Mind is entering a tree and we hope to dazzle the community by showing how creative OMerS can be!

This is where you come in. Please share the word with your teams and families and start creating ornaments for our tree or create other ways to decorate around the tree. The more creative, the better! Find yet another way to utilize duct tape, glue guns, PVC pipe and all the other things you use for OotM. Make them look like your best Style item. Have the ornaments move...light them up...the sky is the limit.. Please keep them less than 5 inches x 5 inches x 5 inches so we can use as many ornaments on the tree as possible.

Cash awards ranging from \$500 - \$5000 are given each year. We plan to win one! Any award received will be used to support either the Eastern Region Tournament in March 2017 and/or help fund Eastern Region teams going to World Finals at Michigan State University in May 2017.

For more details (including examples of last year's trees and winners), check out the Christmas Tree Challenge at <http://www.triangletreechallenge.com/>

Here are your action items:

1. Please let Tom Bojanski (tbojanski@gmail.com) know by November 12 if you plan to submit one or more ornaments. Also contact Tom with any questions.
2. Plan to drop off your ornaments between 4pm - 6pm on Monday, November 28 outside the Panera restaurant at Southpoint Mall off Fayetteville Road. There will be an OotM rep there to collect the ornaments. I bet we can carpool for this dropoff!
3. VOTE VOTE VOTE. Even if you don't prepare an ornament, remember to vote for our tree. The voting period begins December 2, 2016 at 7pm and ends at 11:59 pm on December 16, 2016. You and all of your family and friends can vote for our tree during this time. Other reminders about voting will be sent closer to the voting period.

Thanks for your continued support of Eastern Region Odyssey of the Mind!

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