


North Carolina Odyssey of the Mind



Eastern Region

Hello Odyssey of the Mind Parents, Coaches and Coordinators!

Some of you already have renewed your OotM memberships - welcome to another exciting year of creativity and teamwork! Many others may just be getting started. It is still early in the season - so we want take this opportunity to touch base with all of you on our email list from last season (as well as those that have renewed already) to let you know about a few things that may help with your planning.

Always check out the information on our Eastern Region website, www.ncome.org . There is a wealth of information there - including dates and deadlines for the upcoming season, our Wiki, as well as videos, documents and other resources compiled over the years.

Coaches Training October 22nd!

Our first event is Coaches Training at Wake Tech on Saturday, October 22. There is an online registration link on the website. We hope to see many of you there! Please consider coming even if you are experienced - the Spontaneous Problem procedures continue to evolve and you should be aware of those changes. (More later.)

Skills Fair November 5th!

Our second event comes on the heels of coaches training. However, the Skills Fair is for your team! The registration link will be posted soon - but get this on your calendar. We are constrained for this event by the lack of teachers - if you are willing to help teach some skills to OMers, please email Randy Burton at Randy.Burton@Earthlink.net.

Tournament Registration Fees.

The NCOM State Board has reviewed its financial obligations and recently voted to raise the Tournament Registration fees for all NC regions. Beginning this year, the regional tournament fee will be \$145.00 per team. If your team takes advantage of the **Early Bird Registration (due no later than December 17, 2016), however, the tournament fee will be only \$100.00**. This is a \$15 increase over last year's early bird registration cost. It has been a long time since NCOM raised the registration fee amounts, but it had to do so now to ensure the continued viability of our programs. Note: Tournament Registration for teams (www.ncome.org) is not yet open.

The cost of the National Membership (\$135) has not changed. If you have already purchased or renewed your National Membership for this season, you can find the full long-term problems posted in the Member Area of odysseyofthemind.com now! There are many other resources - including the PROGRAM GUIDE on that site as well.

Generating Interest at School.

If you are starting a new program and would like a speaker to talk to your group, there are several members of our regional board who would be happy to help with an OotM Awareness Session. You can contact Tom at Tom.Hansen.OotM@gmail.com about that or for any other questions you may have!

We hope you all get off to a great start this year and we look forward to seeing you soon!

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