

# North Carolina Odyssey of the Mind Eastern Region

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Dear Coaches,

The season is moving along rapidly and now tournament time has arrived! The Eastern Region Board is looking forward to March 6<sup>th</sup>, a day that is sure to be full of outstanding creativity! Every team that demonstrates their solution to our appreciative judges (thanks to all of you!) has already reaped an immense value from participating and learning team work, thinking skills, assembly and construction skills and time management... Please ensure everyone (teachers, parents and grandparents) understands and celebrates this effort with the team!

Attached you will find a mountain of information. We're privileged to have organized and creative volunteers putting this tournament together. Each year, in an attempt to make the tournament run even smoother, we solicit your suggestions and try to put them into effect.

PLEASE read all the material. Your knowledge and understanding will assist everyone in having a wonderful time at the tournament.

A gentle reminder, as the deadline approaches and pressure mounts, to pay special attention to outside assistance. Students take pride in their own work even if it's not as finished or polished as adults would like it. Help well-meaning adults understand the immense value in granting students the freedom to "do it their own way, by themselves."

We are looking forward to seeing you soon at the Eastern Region Tournament at the R. D. Euzelle Smith Middle School, and Chapel Hill High School complex in Chapel Hill.

Sincerely,  
All of us! Your Eastern Region Board!

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