



December 2022

NCOME NEWSLETTER

Creativity in the Eastern Region since 1982

Welcome!

Don't be a SLOmer...

Register by Dec. 24th for
the NC Eastern Region

Tournament to get
your Early Bird
discount!

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SPONTANEOUS FAIR

January 21, 2023

Morris Grove Elementary
215 Eubanks Rd
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Join us for a fun-filled morning of Spontaneous Problem practice!

Teams will cycle through sessions with different types of problems to solve. After they solve each problem, there will be time to examine what they did well and how they can approach the problem next time to maximize their success!



[Register at NCOME.org](https://www.ncome.org)

TOURNAMENT PREP

If you feel like you could use some guidance as your team prepares for the Regional Tournament, our board members have your back! Join a Zoom webinar on Saturday, February 11th from 10-11am and get tournament ready!

Details available soon at NCOME.org.



Luck favors the prepared Dahling.

Quiz your tournament knowledge!

EASTERN REGION TOURNAMENT

March 4, 2023

Wakefield Middle and High School



Tournament Registration Fees:

Early Bird registration: \$115
(**Deadline: Dec. 24**)

Full registration: \$160
(after Dec. 24)

Primary problem: \$25

Final Registration: January 14th

[Go to NCOME.org to start your registration](https://www.ncome.org)

EASTERN REGION TOURNAMENT

Volunteers and Judges

It is **STILL REQUIRED** for each team to provide a judge and volunteer for the tournament. *Failing to do so will result in a penalty at the tournament.*

This year, instead of the coach registering people during the tournament registration, judges and volunteers will register themselves from the links on the following page.

Neither position has to be a parent (in fact it's better when they aren't so they can support the team!). Experience is not necessary.

The deadline for both to register is Feb. 14th. Please contact tournament director Lexie Groner with any questions. The earlier you reach out the more we can help!

ncometd@gmail.com

EASTERN REGION TOURNAMENT

Volunteers and Judges

JUDGES:

Must be available all day Saturday Feb 18 for training and all-day March 4th for the tournament. They WILL NOT be able to leave to see team's/child's performance and must be 18 years or older.

[Judge Registration](#)

VOLUNTEERS:

Get to select their 2-3-hour time slot/job for tournament day. If you have a high schooler interested in volunteering, please contact Lexie Groner to discuss.

[Volunteer Registration](#)

OMER SPOTLIGHT

Evelyn Hemedinger

Tell us a little bit about yourself

I am a part of a full-throttle Odyssey of the Mind family. My older sister was the first to join Odyssey, with my younger brother and I shortly following and my parents joining via coaching, volunteering, and with my mom even becoming a regional board member. Starting in 6th grade and continuing all the way to 12th, Odyssey has been a huge part of my life. My team members quickly became my best friends and we are still close today, even though we are spread across different colleges.

How did Odyssey of the Mind influence you?

Odyssey of the Mind was how I found my passion: design. I had a hard time identifying what subject I wanted to major in, but OM showed me how much I love problem solving and I was able to find industrial design. My three years in the industrial design program at NC State have been incredible and I have learned so many design techniques and shop skills that all OMER's would appreciate. I am so unbelievably grateful to OM for the fulfillment it gave me before college and for leading me to my future career. Someday, I hope to design playgrounds and furniture but, for now, I am off to Prague for a semester abroad!



Evey's latest design project



Family Piano Academy:
Zaria, Ben, Cami, Lizzie, and Evey

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 24: Early Bird Registration Deadline

January 11: Eastern Region Board Meeting

January 14: Tournament Registration Deadline

January 21: Spontaneous Fair

February 8: Eastern Region Board Meeting

February 11: Tournament Prep Webinar

February 18: Judges' Training - Virtual

March 1: Eastern Region Board Meeting

March 4: Eastern Region Tournament

March 22: Eastern Region Board Meeting

March 25: State Tournament



NCOME BOARD MEMBERS

Tournament Directors

Regional Director: Randy Burton
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Tournament Director: Lexie Groner
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Assistant Director: Anna Ladd

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Ass't Score Room Captain: Vineet

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Your 2022-2023 Board!

Regional Director:

Randy Burton

Vice Regional Director:

Zoe Hansen Burnet

Tournament Director:

Lexie Groner

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Gail Hemedinger

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Bob Pecaut

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