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Welcome!



It's our Anniversary!

NCOM is celebrating **40 years** of creativity and we are looking forward to celebrating with all our teams!

Inside this month's newsletter, you will discover information about the upcoming tournament and spontaneous practice.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TOURNAMENT PREP WEBINAR—FEB. 12

JUDGES' TRAINING—FEB. 26

NCOM EASTERN REGION BOARD MEETING-MAR 2 @ 7P

EASTERN REGION TOURNAMENT—MAR. 5

NCOM STATE BOARD MEETING— APRIL 1

NCOM STATE FINALS— APRIL 2

WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

WORLD FINALS— MAY 25-28

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NCOM EASTERN REGION TOURNAMENT PREP WEBINAR

10AM-11:30AM

COACHES, PLEASE JOIN YOUR NCOM EASTERN REGION BOARD MEMBERS FOR AN INFORMATIVE WEBINAR ON PREPARATION FOR THE UPCOMING REGIONAL TOURNAMENT!

Coaches of both in-person and virtual teams are welcome to attend. We will have a short presentation on the tournaments, and will have plenty of time for questions and answers at the end.

Go to ncome.org and click on the link to join the webinar



NCOM EASTERN REGION VIRTUAL SPONTANEOUS FAIR PROBLEMS AVAILABLE!

If you or your team were unable to join us for our re-scheduled Spontaneous Fair, or if your team would like to try their hands at the problems once more, we are here for you!

VISIT [NCOME.ORG](https://www.ncome.org) TO
DOWNLOAD THE 2022
SPONTANEOUS FAIR
PROBLEMS FOR YOUR
TEAM!



DID YOU KNOW?

NCOM Eastern Region has a [Wiki page](#) just for you! The [Spontaneous page](#) is a wealth of helpful information and there are several video demonstrations of teams solving different types of problems. Keep in mind that the procedures are different for this year! All team members (up to 7) are encouraged to participate and a token system will be in place for answers.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE EASTERN REGION DIRECTOR, RANDY BURTON

With the current pandemic, the number of teams competing is much lower than it was previously. In some cases, there could be only one or two teams registered for a given problem and division competition. Since the first and second place teams advance to the NCOM State Tournament, this means that in these cases all of the teams will be eligible to advance.

Regardless of the numbers of teams competing, in order to be eligible to advance to the State Tournament, teams must make a significant effort to solve the long-term problem and must present their solution at the Regional Tournament.

NCOM 2022 COVID-19 Event Protocols

- Tournaments will follow the venue masking and Covid requirements. Please note that currently Wake County requires ***all persons to be masked at all times***. We've gotten some questions about masks that allow for playing wind instruments and those are currently NOT allowed. While this could change before March teams should prepare for the most restrictive rules
- Following CDC recommendations, the wearing of face masks will apply to ages 2 and older.
- We encourage all students, coaches, volunteers, parents and supporters participating in the program—and are eligible—to be vaccinated for the COVID virus OR have a negative COVID test within the 72 hours prior to attending an event.
- Participants will social distance whenever possible.
- If you are experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 (or any infectious disease), do not participate or attend tournaments/events until you are symptom-free for 48 hours.
- At tournaments/events, any individual who is not wearing a mask inside event buildings:
 1. Will be asked to wear a face mask.
 2. If they refuse, they will be told to leave the building.
 3. If they refuse, school security will be summoned.
 4. If they refuse, the Long Term or Spontaneous presentations will not be started until the individual is properly wearing a mask or leaves the building.
 5. The team associated with the individual who refuses to wear a face mask or leave the building may be assessed up to a 10-point Unsportsmanlike Conduct penalty.
- Our desire is to have as many people observe the long term problem solution presentations and award ceremonies. The number of spectators allowed to watch may be limited and adjusted based on room capacity and social distancing efforts. Priority seating will be given to immediate family members, school administration and friends.

We are hopeful that these preventative measures will be short-lived. We want to provide a safe environment for all OMers—our children, coaches, parents and volunteers. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

SPONTANEOUS PRACTICE

Used Car Salesperson

Verbal/Hands-On

Materials Needed:

- Photo of an old, junked car

The Problem:

Perform a presentation involving the selling of a used car. You have 15 minutes to prepare your presentation and 8 minutes to perform.

Scoring:

- 1-20 for creativity
- 1-10 for how well the used car is incorporated into the presentation
- 1-10 for teamwork



This problem was adapted from Lee Semel's [Odyssey of the Mind Creativity Site](#).



Spontaneous Tips and Tricks

OMER

Over look the problem

Make sure you are heard

Everyone has a role

Relax and have fun!

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MEETINGS ARE HELD AT 7PM ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH VIA ZOOM. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! CONTACT RANDY BURTON AT ncomePC1@gmail.com FOR THE LINK TO JOIN.

