



# NCOME Newsletter

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## Wiki Wealth.

Did you know that some of our dedicated volunteers created a searchable Wiki full of valuable information for you to use as a resource?

Articles include: Team Development, Program Rules, Brainstorming, Outside Assistance and Preparing for Tournament Day.

Please note that the Wiki is updated as the creators have time. It is intended to be used as a guide, but not as the law. Please direct any questions to regional-director@ncome.org.

**Where do you find this amazing tool?** You can get to the Wiki by clicking [HERE!](#) You can also click the link on the right hand side of our home page (ncome.org)

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## Spontaneous Fair!

*Get excited for the NCOM Eastern Region 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Spontaneous Fair!!!*

### Date:

Saturday January 25, 2020

Two Identical Sessions:

Fair 1 = 8:30AM – 11:15AM (check in at 8:00AM) OR

Fair 2 = 2:20PM – 3:15PM (check in at 12:00PM)

### Location:

Morris Grove Elementary School  
215 Eubanks Road  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

### Fee:

\$50.00 Per Team

### What is this all about?

Your team will rotate through a set of classrooms. In each room, there will be a volunteer with a spontaneous problem to solve and learn from. Problems will vary in type and style so that your team can get all sorts of practice.

Bring your thinking caps and a snack for the transition breaks, if needed.

**[Register Here!](#)**

# Regional Tournament Registration is OPEN!

Final Registration deadline is January 25<sup>th</sup>

**Don't forget** – you **MUST** enter a judge and volunteer when registering.

It is considered unsportsmanlike for a team to fail to nominate a judge and/or volunteer, or for those volunteers nominated to fail to fulfill the commitment requirements. These unsportsmanlike actions will result in a penalty for the team.

## Happy New Year!



## Feeling Stylish??

*Let your Team's Style Shine!*

### Background

A team's total score at competition is comprised of 200 possible points from the long-term solution, 100 possible points from spontaneous and 50 possible points for their scored Style elements. Each team's style score is composed of 5 scored elements that are described in the written long-term problem. Typically, one or two of the elements are set by the problem writers, one or two of the elements are the choice of the team and one of the elements is the cumulative effect of the other four elements on the team's long-term solution. See your specific problem for the breakdown of what is required of your team.

### How do the Judges know what to Score?

One of the forms that each team must complete and bring to competition is all about Style. The Style form includes space for your team to define and describe their team chosen elements of style for the style judges. Please remember that although those elements are the "choice of the team" they cannot choose something that is already scored in a different aspect of the long-term problem.

### What should the team choose?

What do they think showcases their creativity the best? The possibilities are almost endless. Teams might choose to use the creative use of puns or poetry in a specific part of the skit. Teams could also go for the creative use of materials or the creativity in the method of construction of a piece of scenery. The team sets the scope of their choice of elements through their description on the style form. Choosing to be very specific or very broad is a choice of strategy.

Interested in learning more? Check out the portion of the [Program Guide](#) that covers Style or read through the [Style Guide](#) posted on the NCOME regional website in the menu on the right of the homepage.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SPONTANEOUS FAIR – JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>

MORRIS GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

([REGISTRATION NOW OPEN](#) - SIGN UP FOR ONE)

FAIR 1 – 8:30AM – 11:15AM

FAIR 2 – 12:30PM – 3:15PM

### PRIMARY TOURNAMENT – FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>

TBD

TIME TBD

### JUDGES TRAINING – FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>

TBD

8:30AM – 3:00PM

### REGIONAL TOURNAMENT – MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>

WAKEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

8:00AM – 6:00PM

### NCOM STATE FINALS – MARCH 21, 2020

NC A&T UNIVERSITY

8:00AM – 6:00PM

### WORLD FINALS – MAY 27-30, 2020

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

8:00AM – 6:00PM

## Additional NCOME Supporters Needed!

The Eastern Region board is actively recruiting for additional supporters. No prerequisites necessary. All that is needed is a willingness to serve the children of the Eastern Region and the desire to contribute. Many hands make light work. We welcome you to serve on our Volunteer Board or to help in a different way by presenting at one of our fairs or helping on the big tournament day. If interested, please reach out to Tom Hansen for the date, time and location of our next board meeting (regional-director@ncome.org)

## Spontaneous Problem

### New Location

(When the team enters the room, tell them this is a verbal hands-on problem)

This is a two-part problem. In part 1, you will have 6 minutes to plan your solution and practice. In part 2, you will have 3 minutes to present your solution to the judges. You may ask questions at any time, but time will continue.

Your problem is to create a commercial for a new location. Your commercial should convince viewers to want to travel to your team-created location.

Your commercial must include the following:

- A. The name of your location
- B. At least one resident of the location
- C. A representation of a cultural activity from your location
- D. A traveler to the location
- E. A sound effect
- F. A slogan for your location

There are materials for you to use in your commercial. You may not use any other materials in your performance.

Scoring will be as follows:

- Creativity of your commercial 1-15
- Creativity of the name of the location 1-15
- Role of the resident 1-15
- Role of the traveler 1-15
- Creativity of the sound effect 1-15
- Creativity of the slogan 1-15
- Teamwork 1-10

### For Judges Only

Provide the team with a variety of materials to use in the commercial including some that will be useful for making a sound effect.

When scoring, consider the originality of the items and how well the characters of the traveler and resident are incorporated into the commercial. Reward teams that take a risk and do untraditional things.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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NC Eastern Region Odyssey of the Mind



@NCOMEastern



@ncomeastern

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: How do I find a judge and/or volunteer?

A: Anyone over the age of 18 can help! Ask friends, older siblings, church members, community members, neighbors, teachers, coaches - anyone! If the team cannot find two people willing to help, please contact our Tournament Director, Lexie Groner, [ncometd@gmail.com](mailto:ncometd@gmail.com).

Q: How do I submit a clarification request?

A: Check out our Handy Dandy Clarification Guide available for download on the front page of our website (scroll down a bit to the yellow clarification section in the middle).

Q: What do you think is the most helpful thing a team can do at this time during the OM Season?

A: Practice, practice, practice Spontaneous and re-read the Long Term Problem. It probably feels like time is short, but its not yet! It is a good time to be reminded of the parameters of your problem now during the planning phase so they can make sure they are still on the right track.

Got Questions? Bring them on! Feel free to reach out on social media or by emailing one of the people listed at the top of this page. We are happy to help.