



January 2024

# NCOME Newsletter

Creativity in the Eastern Region since 1982

## Countdown to Tournament Time!

The final deadline for registering your team for the Eastern Region Tournament is fast approaching. You have until **January 15** to register.

We'd love to see your team share what they have done with their problem!

[NCOME.ORG](http://NCOME.ORG)



# Spontaneous Fair

January 20, 2024

9 am - 11:35 am

Forest View Elementary

3007 Mt. Sinai Road

Durham, NC 27705



Learn about Spontaneous techniques and practice all types of Spontaneous problems.

Fee is \$50 per team (covers all team members)

**Registration Deadline is January 18th**

## Schedule:

8:40AM - 8:55AM	Check-in
9:00AM - 9:25AM	Introduction & Orientation
9:30AM - 9:55AM	Practice Problem Session 1
10:00AM - 10:25AM	Practice Problem Session 2
10:25AM - 10:40AM	Break
10:40AM - 11:05AM	Practice Problem Session 3
11:10AM - 11:35AM	Practice Problem Session 4

**Please bring a snack for your team members!**

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

# Eastern Region Tournament Registration Final Deadline

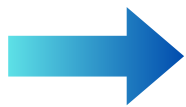
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March 2, 2023  
Wakefield High School  
2200 Wakefield Pines Dr  
Raleigh, NC

Regular Registration \$160 per team

Primary Teams \$25 per team

**Final Deadline for Registration is January 15, 2024**



## To register for the Tournament:

- Go to the Odyssey of the Mind website
  - <https://www.odysseyofthemind.com/member-resources/>
- Scroll down to “Member Area and Team Portal Login”
- Sign in with your membership number and zip code
- Click on the “Tournament Registration” link and follow the instructions



## To pay for your registration:

- Following registration, return to the “Tournament Registration” page
- Use the “Pay Now” button to pay for the registration using a credit card
- or contact Randy Burton at [ncomepc1@gmail.com](mailto:ncomepc1@gmail.com) if you need to pay by check

You will **not** receive an automatic email confirmation of your registration as in previous years. If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please contact Randy Burton at [ncomepc1@gmail.com](mailto:ncomepc1@gmail.com).

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# Tournament Prep Webinar

There is a lot to do to prepare your team for Tournament day - let us help you!

Join Randy Burton and Tom Bojanski and other members of the Eastern Region Board for a countdown to tournament webinar. They will provide answers to any questions you have (that would not be considered outside assistance, of course!)

**February 10, 2024**  
**10am-11:30am**



Remember to check the General Clarifications often as you work on your long-term problem. Team Specific Clarifications are a good way to clear up any questions your team may have about their particular solution or the problem. Responses to General Clarifications are able to be viewed by all OMers but Team Specific Clarifications are just for your team.

[Zoom link available soon at NCOME.org](https://www.ncome.org)

# Judges & Volunteers Needed! Teams Required to Supply

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Our tournament is an all-volunteer event and we need your help! Each team must supply a volunteer and a judge for the day of the tournament.

## Volunteers

March 2, 2024

While volunteer times are only 2-3 hours we ask you keep your full day available until the sign up goes out 2-3 weeks before the tournament when you can select your time and position.

As a volunteer we do promise you'll be able to see your team perform!

## Judges

February 17, 2024

8am -3pm for online training

March 2, 2024

all day for tournament

Judging is an extremely valuable volunteer position. Those who choose to judge must be available for both days and times above and will not be able to see their team perform.



**PLEASE NOTE: A penalty will be assessed for teams who do not provide both positions!**



[Click here to register as a judge](#)

[Click here to register as a volunteer](#)

Please email [Lexie Groner](#) with any questions.



# Coaches Training



NCOME.org has a wealth of information for coaches and teams!

We have recordings available for some of the Coaches Training Sessions that were held on October 21.

If you are looking for problem specific information, please reach out to the Problem Captain directly.

[Click here to go to NCOME.org](https://www.ncome.org)



And our Wiki page is filled with amazing resources to help your team succeed!

# Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for these great events!

- Spontaneous Fair: Saturday, January 20th - Forest View Elementary, Durham
- Tournament Prep Webinar, February 10th (Virtual)
- Judges Training: Saturday, February 17th (Virtual)
- NCOME Regional Tournament: Saturday, March 2nd Wakefield High School
- NCOM State Tournament: Saturday, March 23rd (location TBD)
- World Finals: **DATE CHANGE!** May 21-24th, Iowa State University



# NCOME Board Members

## Tournament Directors

**Regional Director: Randy Burton**  
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**Coaches Training Coordinator:**  
Bob Pecaut

**Skills Fair Coordinator:**  
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**Spontaneous Fair Coordinator:**  
Marj Moe

**Judges Training Coordinator:**  
Lexie Groner

