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## Welcome!

Registration for our **skills fair** is **NOW OPEN!** It's a great opportunity to sharpen your OM skills and get helpful tips for this OM season, so try your best to sign up! See our beautiful new website **[ncome.org](http://ncome.org)** for more details to register.

Tournament registration is officially open! Go to our website to sign up for Early Bird registration. Check out **page 3** for more information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### *Coffee with Coaches*

November 14, 11:00-12:00

Open Zoom session for coaches throughout the state to meet and discuss coaching strategies in a COVID world.

**Meeting ID: 833 2145 5336**

### *Skills Fair*

December 5, 8:30-12:25

This year our skills fair will look a little different but it's still on! We're working out the specifics but it will be through Zoom with no registration fees. Registration will open no later than Monday, November 9th. Watch our website for more details!

### *Spontaneous Fair*

January 23, time TBD

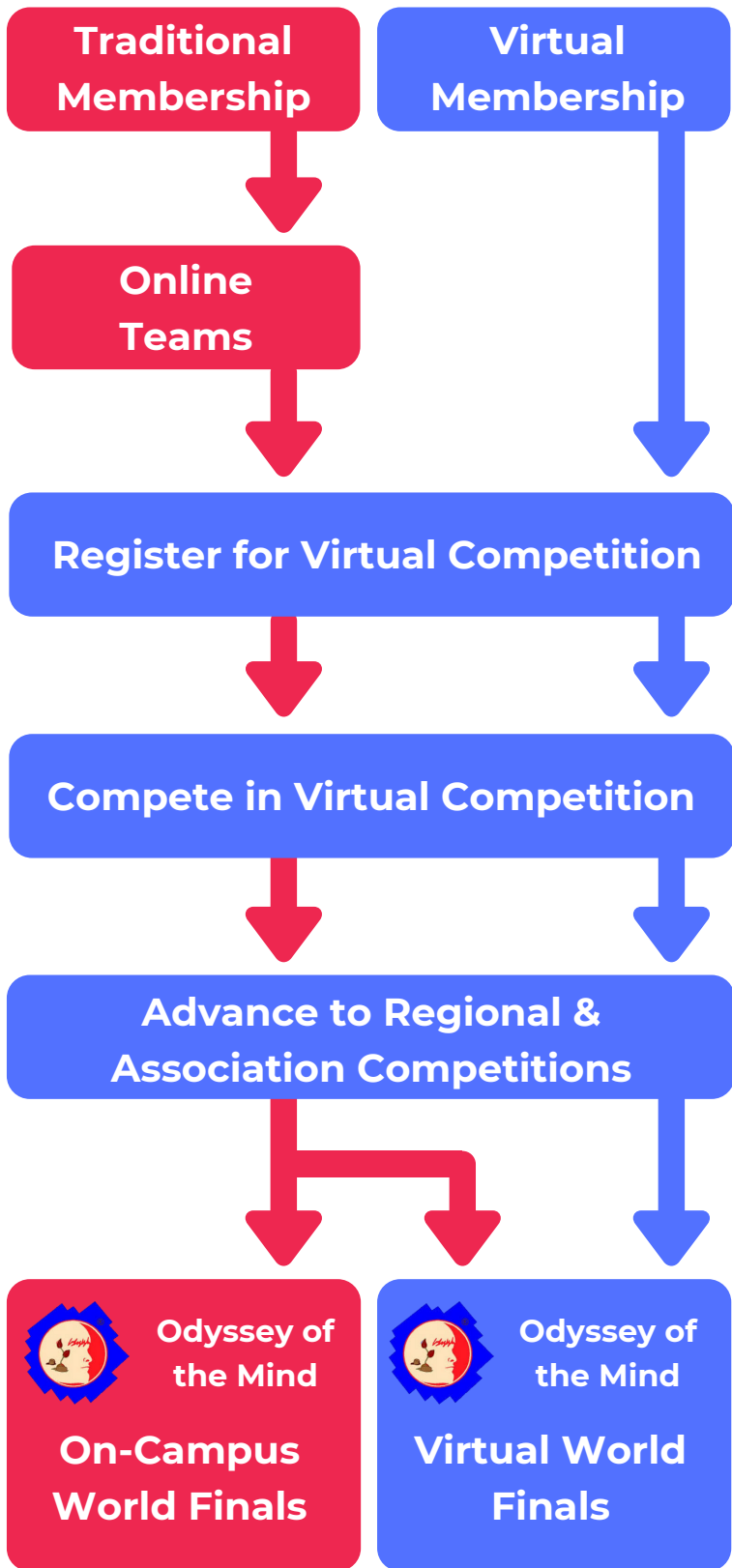
We will be offering sessions that focus on spontaneous as a whole and the new virtual format. More details soon!

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## 2020-2021 OM Flow Chart

Note that there will be no North Carolina in-person competitions this year. \*New updates at our website



## COACHES TRAINING PRESENTATIONS

Missed coaches training? Forgot to take notes? No problem! Session recordings and PowerPoints are now up on [www.ncome.org](http://www.ncome.org)

## Odyssey Academy

James A. Mourey from the Illinois OM Association has created a series of 15 free videos designed to introduce new members to Odyssey of the Mind. These videos are excellent for all teams, and especially for new students and coaches. Check them out! Link also at our website.

<https://ncome.org/2020/09/25/check-out-the-odyssey-academy/>

## PODyssey of the Mind

Our friends in Pennsylvania have started a podcast on all things OM! Check it out on all podcast platforms. Find more info at <https://paodyssey.com/podyssey/>

# TOURNAMENT DETAILS!

Tournament registration is officially open! Go to our website for more details about registering!

**Fees (cost per team):** The Early Bird fee is \$80, the Full Fee is \$115, and the Primary Team fee is \$25.

**Problem 4:** Your board members have a long-term problem of their own this year. How do you virtually crush all the structures?! Most likely we will have several crush days around the area that will be set up following social distancing guidelines. More information to come!

**Spontaneous:** HQ has confirmed that only virtual problems will be given at all virtual competitions. Please check out the spontaneous session from coaches training for more details.

## ***Tournament Timeline***

**December 18:** Early Bird Registration ends

**January 15:** Registration closes

**March 5:** Last day for long-term problem submissions for regional tournament

**March 6:** Regional judging begins

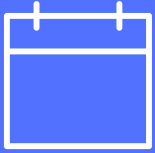
**March 20:** Regional Virtual Awards Ceremony

**April 9:** Last day for long-term problem submissions for state tournament (if team advances)

**April 10:** State judging begins

**April 24:** State Virtual Awards Ceremony

*World Finals is still TBD!*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Coffee with Coaches

Saturday, Nov 14, 2020  
Zoom Meeting, 11am-12pm

### Skills Fair\*

*Registration for this event is now open!*

Saturday, Dec 5, 2020  
Zoom Meeting, TBD

### Spontaneous Fair

Saturday, Jan 23, 2021  
Zoom Meeting, TBD

### Virtual Regional Tournament

Saturday, March 6, 2021

### Virtual NCOM State Finals

Saturday, Apr 10, 2021

### World Finals

May 26-30, 2021  
Michigan State University

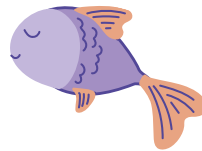
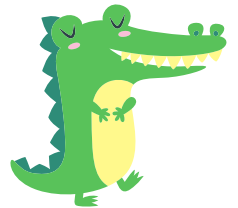
## Spontaneous Practice!

### Animal Creation!

Hands-On Verbal Problem

#### Materials:

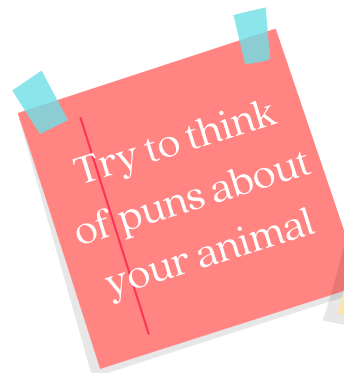
- 1 piece of paper
- 1 pen
- *Virtual Alternative:* One shared Google Drawing



#### The Problem:

Each team member take turns adding shapes and squiggles to create an original animal. Then, the team presents the animal; tell its name, its story, what it eats, where it lives, etc.

#### Tips and Tricks!



# MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

*Q&A with a few of our board members*

## **Marj Moe: Problem 3 Captain**

**How long have you been involved in OotM?**

Since 1986 -- 34 years!

**How did you get started in OotM?**

My daughter volunteered me to co-coach for her NJ elementary school. That was my introduction to Problem 3. Who knew coaching a team of young girls trying to create a fireplace from refrigerator boxes would be so exciting?

**What roles have you held in OotM?**

Coach for 7 years then I morphed over to the judging side when my daughter stopped competing. I've been in Problem 3 almost the whole time. I've experienced every judging team position, been a Head judge, regional and state problem captain, and World Finals judge. I've been a member of both regional and state boards, regional tournament director, and served as the NCOM Assn Director.

**What is your favorite problem?**

Problem 3 has always been my favorite. It's the problem that fits my interests as a history teacher and librarian!

**Any interesting facts to share?**

My college summer job was a meter maid. I rode a motorcycle and had to qualify at the shooting range. Don't mess with meter maids!

## **Rita Welsh: Problem 4 Captain**

**How long have you been involved in OotM?**

8 years

**How did you get started in OotM?**

I got started when my oldest child, Jacob Welsh, brought the program home to me from school and asked me to coach.

**What roles have you held in OotM?**

Once I got involved in OotM I became a coordinator at Davis Drive Elementary and coached for 8 years. I've been the regional board secretary and the Primary Problem Captain, as well as a Problem 4 Assistant and later the Problem 4 Captain. My oldest, Jacob, is my Assistant Problem Captain.

**What is your favorite problem?**

My favorite problem to coach is 5. As a coach there is less to worry about with Problem 5. As a judge, Problem 4 is my favorite; it is exciting to watch and I enjoy judging.

**Any interesting facts to share?**

I enjoy being outdoors! I love hiking and have taken my two youngest to all kinds of parks this summer!

## CONTACT INFORMATION AND BOARD MEMBERS

### Regional Director: Tom Hansen

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### Tournament Director: Lexie Groner

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### Score Room Captain: Stephen Downhower

### Spontaneous Problem Captain: Ann Ross

*Assistant Problem Captain: Zoe Hansen Burnet*

### Problem 1 Captain: Randy Burton

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### Problem 4 Captain: Rita Welsh

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*Assistant Problem Captain: Jacob Welsh*

### Problem 5 Captain: Suzanne Ladd

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*Assistant Problem Captain: Sean Stickel*

### Primary Captain: Diana White

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## Your 2020-2021 Board!

**Regional Director:** Tom Hansen

**Assistant Regional Director:** Lexie Groner

**Tournament Director:** Lexie Groner

**Secretary:** Gail Hemedinger

**Treasurer:** Bob Pecaut

**Web Master:** Andy Cordes

**Web Assistants:** Alison Blake and Dawn Imershein

**Sales:** Andy Cordes

**Communications Team:** Lexie Groner, Suzanne Ladd, Zoe Hansen Burnet, Elizabeth Fleming, Evelyn

Hemedinger, Zaria Vuksan, Ben Cruz

**Pin Team:** Jackie Burton, Marc Blake

## Questions and Answers

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on social media or feel free to contact our Regional Director, Tom Hansen, or our Assistant Regional Director and Tournament Director, Lexie Groner, at their email addresses provided to the left!



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