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Welcome!

Things are really starting to kick into gear this Odyssey season! Our **Coaches Training** is coming up and we've worked very hard to prepare a virtual experience for everyone. Please check out **page 3** for more info!

Check out our new website! The address hasn't changed, but our webmaster (emphasis on MASTER) Andy Cordes has been hard at work on a new design and we are so excited to share it! Take a look, at **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. Check them out!

<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! Find more info at

<https://paodyssey.com/podyssey/>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Open Zoom Q&A with Board Members

Please drop in to our Zoom session Saturday, October 17th from 10-11am!

Meeting ID: 836 1727 1119

Passcode: NCOME

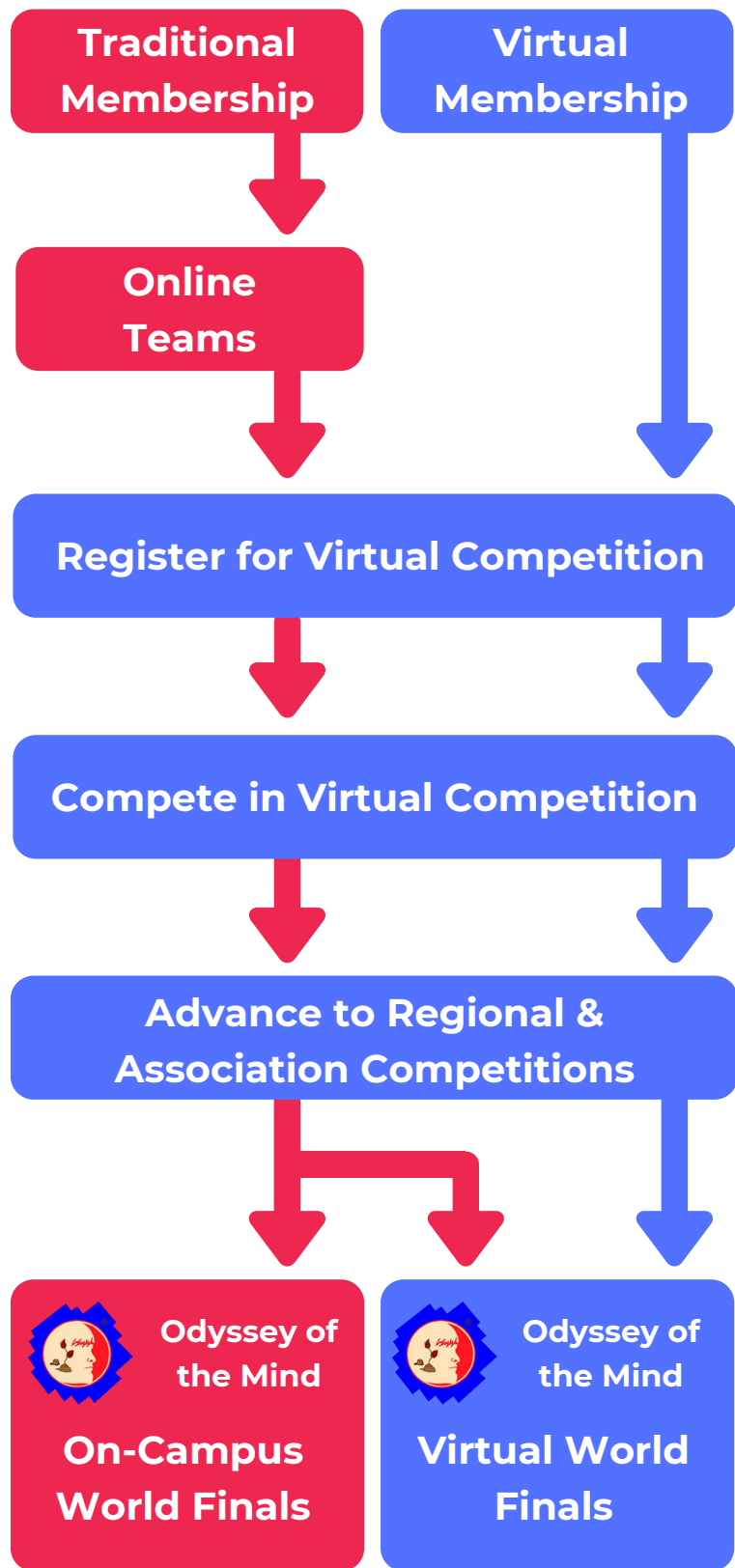


Coaches Training

More information on page 3!

2020-2021 OM Flow Chart

Note that there will be no North Carolina in-person competitions this year.



MISS PIN TRADING?

Check out the Facebook group! The Odyssey of the Mind® Pin Trading group on Facebook lets you connect with pin traders everywhere.

The group has over a thousand enthusiastic pin traders looking for new members!

Neurodiverse OotM Community

Do you have a child on your team that seems a little... different? You may not realize it, but they may have developmental differences that present some unique challenges.

Odyssey of the Mind can provide a wonderful opportunity for these kids, but it can also be immensely difficult for them. We are gathering interest for support related to autism (or more broadly neurodiversity) within the OotM community. If you are a coach who is willing to share your experience with neurodiverse OM teams or a coach looking for support, please contact Lexie at ncomeTD@gmail.com.

COACHES TRAINING

Registration is now open!

Coaches training this year will be held over Zoom on **October 24th** from **9am** to **12pm**. The cost of attendance will be **free** but we are asking for a **\$15 donation**.

The training session will consist of **four class sessions** and **one Q&A**. Coaches will choose an opening session, problem session, and two focus sessions. We will automatically put people in Breakout Rooms for the sessions they choose. We recommend that coaches of the same teams attend different sessions and share notes afterward.

Schedule

Zoom opens at 8:50

Session 1: Opening Session (9:00-9:30)

Choose one of the following

- New coaches session
- Returning coaches session

Session 2: Problem Session (9:35-10:05)

Choose one of the following

- Primary: Animals Are People Too!
- Problem 1: OMER the ROMER
- Problem 2: Virtual Odyssey
- Problem 3: OMER and the Beanstalk
- Problem 4: It's a Trap!
- Problem 5: Superhero Socks

Session 3: Focus Session 1 (10:10-10:40) and

Session 4: Focus Session 2 (10:50-11:20)

Indicate your first choice topic for session 3 and second choice for session 4 from the following

- Spontaneous
- Outside assistance
- Brainstorming
- Style
- Secrets of Balsa
- Team Building
- Virtual Competition Tips and Tricks
- Live Spontaneous Practice

Session 5: Open Q&A (11:25-11:55)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Open Zoom Q&A with Board

Saturday, Oct 17, 2020
Zoom Meeting, 10-11am

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Coaches Training

Saturday, Oct 24, 2020
Zoom Meeting, 8:30am

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Skills Fair

Saturday, Nov 14, 2020
Zoom Meeting, 8:30am

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Spontaneous Fair

Saturday, Jan 23, 2021
Zoom Meeting, TBD

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Virtual Regional Tournament

Saturday, March 6, 2021

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Virtual NCOM State Finals

Saturday, Apr 10, 2021

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World Finals

May 26-30, 2021
Michigan State University

Spontaneous Practice!

Spooky Spontaneous

Hands-on Verbal Problem

Materials:

- 1 toilet paper tube
- 4 tissues
- 1 rubber band



The Problem:

Build a ghost using your materials. Tell the judges about your ghost's life story, and talk about who your ghost is haunting and why.

Tips and Tricks!



MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

Q&A with a few of our board members

Randy Burton: Problem 1 Captain

How long have you been involved in OotM?

Since 1981--that makes 39 years!

How did you get started in OotM?

The mother of a family that lived up the street from me when I was growing up somehow became the coordinator for Olympics of the Mind (which was OotM's original name). She called me while I was a student in college and asked me to help. That was in 1981. I've been involved since.

What roles have you held in OotM?

I've judged all five problems and Spontaneous, been a regional and state Problem Captain for problems 1 and 4, Problem Judge in VA, SC, Utah, and NC, Head Judge, World Finals P1 Assistant Problem Captain, one of P1's Clarification Reviewers, regional and state board member, Tournament Director, coach for my kid's teams, and been both a Regional and State Director.

What is your favorite problem?

Problem 1

Any interesting facts to share?

I'm an avid model railroader and model train collector.

Barry Groner: Problem 2 Captain

How long have you been involved in OotM?

27 years!

How did you get started in OotM?

I volunteered to be an assistant coach with the Chapel Hill home schoolers and was talked into being the coach for a Div II team on Problem 1; I never left after that.

What roles have you held in OotM?

I have been a coach, problem judge, head judge, and problem captain.

What is your favorite problem?

Since I'm the Captain for problem 2, what else but problem 2?

Any interesting facts to share?

I owned an L-88 Land Rover like the ones you see on safari in Africa.

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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Assistant Problem Captain: Tom Bojanski

Problem 2 Captain: Barry Groner

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Assistant Problem Captain: Lee Rafalow

Problem 3 Captain: Marj Moe

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Assistant Problem Captain: Gretchen Westman

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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