



October 2023

NCOME Newsletter

Creativity in the Eastern Region since 1982

We've got a lot in store for you!

Spontaneous Tournament, Coaches Training, Skills Fair, Spontaneous Fair... so many opportunities for you and your team to learn some new skills, practice ones you've learned and prepare for tournament time!

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Spontaneous Tournament

October 14, 2023

8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Thales Academy - Rolesville

1201 Granite Falls Boulevard Rolesville, NC 27571

Sorry we're
CLOSED

If you did not get an opportunity to sign up for the Spontaneous Tournament, put it on your calendar for next year. It promises to be an even larger and more robust event!

The Eastern Region still has you covered with lots of spontaneous practice. Check out our upcoming Coaches Training and Skills Fair. Don't forget about our Spontaneous Fair in January.

We also have plenty of resources for you and your team to practice spontaneous problems.

Our NCOME website hosts a Wiki page that is filled with valuable information about all aspects of Odyssey of the Mind, including Spontaneous.

[NCOME Spontaneous Wiki](#)

Coaches Training

October 21, 2023

8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Virtual Workshop



Calling all new and returning coaches!

Coaches training is for everyone who coaches an Odyssey of the Mind team, from the newbie to the seasoned pro. Join us for a virtual meeting and choose from several sessions offered from highly experienced OotM instructors.

Only \$15 per person!

- Solving Long-Term Problems- Where Does the Team Begin?
- Style
- Spontaneous
- Balsa Wood Basics
- Problem 1 - Drive-In Movie
- Problem 2 - AI Tech-NO-Art
- Problem 3 - Classics... Opening Night Antics
- Problem 4 - Deep Space Structure
- Problem 5 - Rocking World Detour
- Primary Problem - The Night Life

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

Skills Fair

November 11, 2023

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

The Franciscan School - Raleigh

10000 St Francis Dr, Raleigh, NC 27613



Our annual Skills Fair is the perfect place to give your team members an opportunity to learn new skills or sharpen existing ones!

The morning consists of 4 sessions with 9 topics to choose from. Your team can travel together as a group or can attend sessions independently and share what they have learned with the rest of the team.

- Registration fees- \$10 per team member (no charge for coaches/chaperones).
- Once you have finished entering your information, you will receive a PayPal link to complete your registration.
- Registration opens soon and closes November 8, 2023.
- **IMPORTANT! There will be NO on-site registration.**

Sessions Include:

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| * Balsa Wood Building | * Brainstorming | * Creative Use of Materials |
| * Creative Costumes | * Characterization | * Electricity & Wiring |
| * PVC constructions | * Script to Stage | * Spontaneous Skills |

[Register beginning 10/16 at NCOME.org](https://www.ncome.org)

Thanks to Brie Tyler & TFS volunteers for making this event possible!

Coaches Webinar

December 2, 2023

10:00 - 11:30 am

Virtual Meeting



Questions about tournament logistics?
Want to get insight into coaching best practices?
Need some guidance or assistance with any issues related
to OotM?

We are here to help!

Join our very own Eastern Region Director, Randy Burton, and other NCOME Board members for a Q&A tailored specifically to your needs. This virtual meeting is open to any Eastern Region coach and all questions are welcome. No outside assistance will be given, of course, but you will be pointed to resources that can help you and your team.

[Registration open soon at NCOME.org](https://www.ncome.org)

The Odyssey Passport



What do you call a document that keeps track of your Odyssey goals, meetings, gives you tips and general direction, and is the one place that holds all of your team's information? "The Odyssey Passport"!

The Odyssey Passport was designed to help both novice and seasoned coaches guide their teams through an Odyssey of the Mind season from the first meeting to competition. This detailed passport is an interactive, structured guide that will support you in keeping track of your team meetings, goals, objectives, deadlines, and more. Log into [Members Area](#) to get your copy of this wonderful new resource!

Please note that this Passport does not replace the [Program Guide](#) and it is not the ONLY way to solve a Long-Term Problem. No matter how closely you follow it, it is your Odyssey!

Purchase your Membership

To view the full Long-Term problems and receive your membership materials, join/renew your Odyssey of the Mind membership today!



Standard Membership
\$290

Individual Schools/ Multiple schools sharing a principal
(use school district name)
Homeschools Community Groups College/Accredited Technical School/Military



Additional Membership
\$190

More than one team wants to compete in the same problem and division- add an additional membership at a discounted rate.
(Can purchase any time!)



District Membership Gold
\$240

6 -10 individual schools
(Join at the same time -price will update in cart.)



District Membership Platinum
\$190

11 or more schools *(Join at the same time -price will update in cart.)*

To purchase your membership, go to [Odyssey of the Mind](#)

Odyssey Angels



**Be a hero
in your community!**

The worldwide community often proves its ability to work together to help those suffering from a major disaster. While this generosity is important, too often those suffering in our neighborhoods get overlooked. Whether it's an elderly woman needing help carrying her groceries, or a family struggling to pay their bills, someone needs help right in our backyards. Unfortunately, they may not receive any without the benefit of the world stage.

The Odyssey Angels program wants to challenge you to use your unique creative problem-solving abilities to help some aspect of your community that would otherwise be overlooked. In return, one team will be selected to attend World Finals to present how it helped its community.

Learn More at OdysseyAngels.org

Odyssey Alumni



OM teaches you to solve all sorts of problems, but perhaps the hardest is saying goodbye! Fortunately, there are many ways to be part of OM and even give back to the program. No matter where your next step

takes you, there is most likely an OM Association nearby that needs volunteers or a fellow OMer looking to connect. The best way to stay in touch is through the official Odyssey Alumni group. There are many professional and personal benefits to joining Odyssey Alumni — including sharing your journey and helping others along the path!

Learn More at OdysseyoftheMind.com

T-Shirt Design Contest

Attention OMers!

We need your help designing our next NCOM State T-Shirt. Your design could be worn by OMers across North Carolina and at the World Finals!

Here's how to get started

- Scan the QR code to see available shirt styles and colors
- Designs will need to be ONE color only and MUST say NCOM somewhere on your design
- Submit your designs by November 1, 2023 to nicoleadamsncom@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for these great events!

- **Skills Fair: Saturday, November 11th** The Franciscan School - Raleigh
- **Coaches Webinar: Saturday, December 2nd** (Virtual)
- **Spontaneous Fair: Saturday, January 20th** (location TBD)
- **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



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