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Your 2020-2021 Board!

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Welcome!

We've got a new format for the newsletter and we want to hear what content you'd like! What information would be most helpful in a monthly newsletter? Do you have a tip you'd like to share? Or a question for the collective NCOME brain?

Send us your ideas, tips and questions! DM us @NCOMEastern on all social media platforms or email us at ncome-comms@ncome.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Open Zoom Info Session

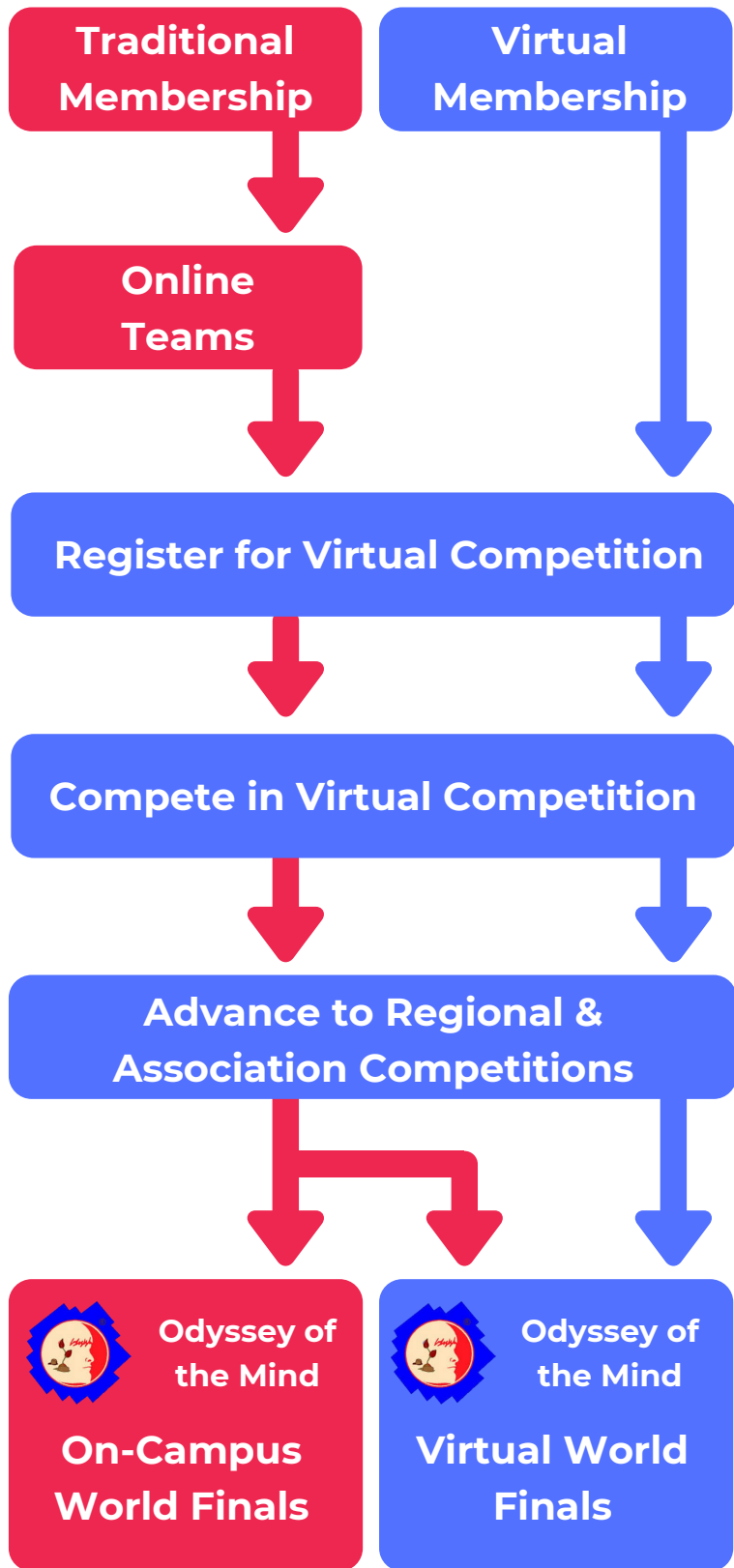
We are having an open Zoom session for anyone with questions about the upcoming year this Saturday at 1:00pm.

Meeting ID: 859 8626 4170

Passcode: OM

2020-2021 OM Flow Chart

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



COACHES TRAINING

We are still working on coaching training details and will get information out soon! Here's what we know for now:

- It will be virtual (most likely on zoom)
- We will be asking for a donation rather than charging a fee

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.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Open Zoom Info Session

Saturday, Sep 12, 2020
Zoom Meeting, 1pm

Coaches Training

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

Skills Fair

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

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!

Free Standing

Hands-on Problem

Materials:



- 7 sheets of printer paper



The Problem:

Make a free standing structure as tall as possible using just the materials provided. You receive 2 points for every inch the tower reaches in height.

Virtual Alternative:



Have each team member compete against one another to create their own towers and compare methods afterwards.

MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

Q&A with a few of our board members

Tom Hansen: Regional Director

How many years have you been involved in OotM?

27 years!

How did you get started in OotM?

In 1993 when my second to youngest daughter, Katy, went to Emma Conn Elementary School, she selected Odyssey of the Mind as one of her enhancement electives. I had no idea what it was, but was informed that I needed to attend a "tournament" at Enloe High School. Although I couldn't really understand what was happening, I could tell that Katy liked it and I thought her team looked happy and proud of what they did.

What roles have you held in OotM?

Judge, regional problem captain, world finals judge, regional board member, regional director, and any other job that needs doing!

What is your favorite problem?

Problem 2

Any interesting facts to share?

I'm a beekeeper and maintain two hives of honeybees (sorry all the honey is spoken for...)

Lexie Groner: Assistant Regional Director, Tournament Director, Social Media Director

How many years have you been involved in OotM?

27 years!

How did you get started in OotM?

I was in the Chapel Hill Homeschoolers in second grade when someone put an ad in our newsletter to find interest in starting a membership. My mom got us on teams and my dad coached another! I'm still close friends with one of my high school teammates.

What roles have you held in OotM?

Volunteer, judge, world finals judge, tournament director, social media director... everything? Well, not quite but getting there!

What is your favorite problem?

Split between problems 3 and 5!

Any interesting facts to share?

I love to swing dance! Sadly, it's not a hobby that can be done while maintaining 6 feet distance from people...

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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!