

NCOM Eastern Region

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Is Everybody Ready? It's Tournament Time!

Special Thanks to Wakefield High School and Wakefield Middle School!

This year's tournament will be held on March 3, 2007 at Wakefield Middle and High Schools. These two schools and the Wake County Public School System have been very gracious with their hospitality. Please show your gratitude by helping keep the entire Wakefield campus clean.

Your Team's Schedule:

Follow this link to get to the NCOM Eastern Region Tournament Schedule and find your school:
http://www.ncome.org/20070214_Eastern_Region_Tournament_schedule.html

Tournament Schedule

Team check-in will be in the lobby of Wakefield High School's main entrance from 7:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Primary teams (Problem #6 only) will be permitted to check-in until 12:00 Noon. Long-Term and Spontaneous judging will be from 8:15 AM to 5:15 PM. The information booth in both schools will remain open all day for information, forms, and lost and found. Souvenir Sales and food concessions will take place throughout the day in the cafeteria area, and the award ceremony will be in the high school's main gym around 5:00 PM (see details below).

How to Get There

A map to the Wakefield campus is attached. Also, if necessary, use the link at NCOME.ORG or Mapquest.com

When Should You Arrive?

Teams must check in at the registration desk in the Wakefield High School lobby prior to competing. Please plan to arrive in plenty of time to check-in, locate sites, and make preparations for competition. We recommend arrival 45 minutes to 1 hour before your scheduled performance or spontaneous time. With the permission of the Head Judge, sites may be available to be briefly previewed before competition begins. If doors are closed at the competition site, the room may not be entered.

Meals and Deals

The Wakefield High School English Honors Society will be running the food concessions. They plan a wide variety of edibles available throughout the day at the High School. Please patronize this group as our thank you for hosting our tournament. Odyssey of the Mind products, pins, shirts, and souvenirs will be on sale near the cafeteria area.

Parking

There is plenty of parking on the Wakefield campus! Between the faculty and student lots there are 1000 parking spaces. Wakefield Middle School also has parking available. Please use the school map to locate where to go for your team's problem. Once you have dropped off your things at the unloading zone, please move your vehicles immediately to a regular parking lot. Do not leave unattended vehicles in the unloading zone. Parking is permitted on paved areas only!

Name Tags

Teams and coaches will be required to wear name tags during the tournament with the exception of during your long term performance. Tags will be provided in the registration packets that will be distributed at the registration desk. If teams prefer to make their own tags they must include: name, school, problem, division and a stripe of color that matches the color assigned to their problem (check the color assignments on the attached map).

What Should Your Team Bring?

- 3 completed copies of the Style Form
- 1 completed copy of the Cost Form
- 1 signed and completed copy of the Outside Assistance Form
- Any Problem Clarifications the team has received
- Three copies of any list (if required by the team's problem) Four would be appreciated.
- Any items listed in the team's problem under the section "Team Must Provide"
- All props, costumes, backdrops, and A/V equipment
- Money for food, T-shirts, pins, hats, etc.
- Change of clothes
- Books or quiet games to play
- Appropriate footwear, soft soled shoes for the gym floors (tennis or athletic shoes)
- Frisbees, balls, etc. for outdoor fun
- Two pairs of safety goggles (for structure teams)
- Best behavior
- Maps
- Team banner for Parade

Security

Please encourage your students to leave valuables, props, and problem solutions locked in cars or on buses. We are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged articles. There will be officers on campus.

OMER's Award

Nominations for Omer's Award will be accepted during the tournament at the information desks. Forms will be available there. Read about OMER's award in your program guide.

Parade of Teams

Teams will gather in the smaller gym at Wakefield High School around 4:45 PM. You will receive a position number in your tournament packet and will be lined up according to that number. We will then parade into the main gym for the Awards Ceremony. Teams will be announced as they enter the gym. Please bring a banner for your team to carry in the parade. The grand entry of the teams with banners waving is definitely a Kodak moment!

Award Ceremony

The award ceremony will be held in the Wakefield High School Main Gym and will begin as close to 5:00 as possible. The gym doors will not be open until 15 minutes before the ceremony is to begin. Please understand that this allows us to set up for the award ceremony and will help prevent the gym from becoming uncomfortable for us all. Please make parents and supporters aware of this practice, tell them not to crowd around the gym doors, and let them know that there is plenty of seating available in the bleachers.

If we are running late, please be patient and understand that we want to be as fair and thorough in judging the last team as we are with the first team. When the doors open, parents and supporters should enter and sit in the bleachers. Teams and coaches will parade in and sit on the gym floor.

Questions?

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