

NC Odyssey of the Mind, Eastern Region

Tournament Day Info

Registration/Information Desk

There is a Registration/Information Desk (Info Desk) in McDougald-McLendon Arena lobby where one coach, or Div III team captain, must check-in and pick up their team packet. A team does not need to check-in before spontaneous if their spontaneous competition is scheduled first. The Info Desk will be open from 7:30 AM until approximately 3:30 PM for information, communication, and lost and found. OMER award nomination forms also will also be located and accepted here until 1:00 PM.

Props and Parking

Although there is plenty of parking around campus, we have very congested drop-off areas and some parking areas may be more crowded than others. Please follow all rules about prop drop-off and removal, be attentive to children and other pedestrians, and try walk around campus instead of driving as much as possible. Props should be dropped off **NO EARLIER** than forty-five minutes before performance time. Once you have dropped off your materials at the unloading zone, please **MOVE** your vehicle immediately. Do not leave unattended vehicles in the unloading zone. Parking is permitted on paved areas only! Do not park in any spot which is marked as Reserved for a named individual or position.

Division 1 teams in Problems 2, 3 and 5

Because there are a large number of Division 1 teams in these problems (20 or more), Division 1 has been split into two competitions 1A, and 1B. These are TWO separate competition tracks. Make sure you know which track (room) your team falls into by looking at the tournament schedule. 1st and 2nd place teams from BOTH tracks will be invited to perform to the NCOM State Tournament April 6th at East Carolina University.

Meals

Look for the Food Truck Rodeo around campus!

Rain or Shine, Heat, or Cold!

We never know what the weather will do! The good news is that even if it rains, there is room indoors for everyone. If you must be indoors, find a place to sit together in one of the unused interior halls and relax. Do not block traffic. Bring quiet games and activities in case they are needed. Absolutely do not bring props or set in from cars early – we will be too crowded. Remove props and set as soon as possible. Please be considerate of each other! Watch other performances. We will have a great day regardless of the weather!

Odyssey Passports

We want your team to enjoy some of the other amazing solutions and see some of the different problems that teams are solving! Each team member will receive a “Odyssey Passport” in the team packet. You can fold it up and keep it in your pocket! After you watch a team performance, get a sticker from the doorkeeper to put in your “Odyssey Passport”. If you get three or more stickers, bring your passport to the Sales Area in McDougald-McLendon Arena to receive a small prize and a raffle ticket for a small “Pin Towel!”

Odyssey of the Mind Souvenirs

Don't miss your chance to get Odyssey of the Mind items! Visit the Sales area in McDougald-McLendon Arena near the Info Desk! The Eastern Region Odyssey of the Mind has many collectible pins, t-shirts, and souvenirs for sale. This is also where you can redeem your filled in “Odyssey Passport”.

Last Minute Supplies?

Did something break or get left behind? NC Central students will be selling some of the items teams most commonly wish they had remembered to bring (duct tape, poster board, markers, and much more) in the Cafeteria shown on the map.

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Supervision on Campus

When not competing, we hope your teams will take this opportunity to watch other teams perform and to celebrate their hard work by relaxing and spending time with their teammates and other OMers. All students MUST be supervised by an adult at all times, however. Please be respectful of other competitors, tournament volunteers, NC Central university staff and students, and the NC Central campus. NC Central has been a very generous host to us and we are fortunate to be here today. Please help us show our appreciation by making sure that all students remain safe and are not disruptive to any campus activities or to the campus itself. Please pay particular care around the fraternity and sorority plots in the quad. These areas may look fun and interesting to students, but they must not play in or around those areas nor disturb any of the materials there.

Security

Please encourage your students and parents to leave valuables locked out of sight, and props, sets and costumes locked in cars or on buses. We are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged articles. There will be security officers on campus. The main number for NCCU University Police is 919-530-6106.

OMER's Award

Nominations for Omer's Award for outstanding sportsmanship or exemplary behavior will be accepted during the tournament day. Blank nomination forms are available at the Info Desk. Read about OMER's award in your program. Completed nominations must be turned in to the Info Desk by 1:00 PM for review by the Tournament Awards Committee.

Amateur Radio Communications

You will notice that there are amateur radio operators that serve our regional tournament by providing instant radio communication not dependent on cell coverage or location. Public service is one of the ways amateur radio contributes to our lives! These folks are from the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society (www.rars.org). Talk to them about becoming a HAM!

Please support Odyssey of the Mind College Scholarships!

Did you realize that NC Odyssey of the Mind awards three \$1000 scholarships to Odyssey of the Mind participants who will be attending college? It's true! Applications are online at www.ncom.org. As a 501c3 non-profit organization we accept tax deductible donations in support of this endeavor. There is also a Creative Opportunities Unlimited (COU) college scholarship for Odyssey of the Mind team members. This year we are also accepting donations at www.ncome.org for The Andy Moore Memorial Scholarship. Andy was a wonderful coach for many years in the Eastern Region.

Award Ceremony

Award Ceremony – 5:00 PM – McDougald – McLendon Arena (Parade Line-Up at 4:45 PM)

All teams will meet for an award ceremony at 5:00 PM in the McDougald-McLendon Arena. All teams will line up for the Parade of Teams by school. Line up on the sidewalk in front of the building at 4:45PM. If raining, just come in - we'll cancel the parade. Parents and supporters will sit in the bleachers. Teams and coaches will parade in and sit on the floor. It will be an exciting event!

1st and 2nd place teams Advance to State Finals

First and second place winners (and ties) for teams doing problems 1 through 5 in each division will be invited to participate in the NC Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament on April 6th at East Carolina University. This is a wonderful celebration of the most creative teams from all five regions of our state. If your team advances, make sure you receive a "State Tournament Information" packet when the team comes up for their recognition at the award ceremony. This packet can also be emailed to advancing teams.