

NC Odyssey of the Mind Eastern Region

Tournament Day Info

Rain or Shine, Heat or Cold!

We never know what the weather will do! Please help us! 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. Bring quiet games and activities in case they are needed. Find a good spot in one of the unused interior halls and relax. Do not block traffic. 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!

Division 1 teams in problems 1 and 3

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 March 21st at NC A&T University.

Registration/Information Desk

There is a Registration/Information Desk in the High School lobby. It will remain open until approximately 2:30 PM for information, communication and lost and found, OMER award nomination forms will also be located and accepted here up to 1:00 PM.

Odyssey Passports

We want your team to enjoy some of the other amazing solutions and 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 the High School lobby to receive a small prize and a raffle ticket for a “Pin Towel”!

Meals

There is food nearby. Look for the Food Trucks around campus! Parents and kids will get hungry!

Deals

Don't miss your chance to get Odyssey of the Mind items! Visit the Sales area in the High School lobby! 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”.

Props and Parking

Although there is a good amount of parking, we have very congested drop-off areas. It will be a crowded, busy day for everyone! Props should be dropped off NO EARLIER than forty-five minutes before performance time. Once you have dropped off your things 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!

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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.

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 InfoDesk. Read about OMER's award in your program. Completed nominations must be turned in to the InfoDesk 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

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 March 21st at NC A&T 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.

Award Ceremony – 4:00 PM – Wakefield High School Gymnasium

All teams will meet for an award ceremony at 4:00 PM in the High School Gym. All teams will line up for the Parade of Teams by school. Line up in the Auxilliary Gym at 3:45PM. 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!