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## NCOME Regional Tournament is this Saturday!

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**Hello Odyssey of the Mind Coaches and Coordinators!** We had a great day at Judges Training on the 17th! We have excellent judging teams trained and ready for your teams this Saturday, March 3!

All of your judging teams were able to practice in their respective venues during the Primary Tournament, so they are familiar with the space and procedures.

We hope your team preparations are going well also! Below are a few important notes for your teams before tournament day.

(A) [Forms, Forms, Forms, Forms!](#) Please remember that your team needs to prepare in advance and bring to the tournament **four copies** of their Style Form, **one copy** of their Outside Assistance Form, **one copy** of their Cost Form along with any receipts, and (with the exception of Problem 4 teams) **four copies** of their Team Required List Form. All of these forms can be downloaded from [ncome.org](http://ncome.org) and from the Member Area of [odysseyofthemind.com](http://odysseyofthemind.com). There also is a [Tournament Forms Information](#) handout which may be helpful to your teams in preparing their forms.

(B) [Program Guide Rules](#). Starting on page 36 of the Program Guide, which you can download from the Member Area if you don't have a copy already, are some important rules that are applicable to all problems. You will find important information there regarding such things as membership sign requirements, limitations on interactions with judges/audience during the performance, allowable size of batteries, required foot coverings, prohibitions against certain items such as real weapons, realistic looking fake weapons, dry ice, and many additional items not specifically mentioned here. There also is important information there about safety concerns which could result in interruption of the performance, penalties, and/or financial liability if there is damage or risk of damage to persons or the Wake Tech facility. ***Please read over these to make sure that your team has the most positive and successful day possible!*** Please also note that, although the rules leave open the possibility that some fog machines may be permissible, Wake Tech does NOT allow the use of any type of fog machine in any of the venues.

(C) [General Tournament Information](#). All of the tournament information previously e-mailed to you also is available at [ncome.org](http://ncome.org), including the team schedules, the [Competition Site Map](#), and the [Tournament Day Info](#), and [Tournament Rules](#) documents. If you have any other questions which are specific to our tournament and not covered by the Program Rules or other documents provided, please do not hesitate to ask!

**We want to reiterate a few points about the tournament day itself:**

(1) [Awards Ceremonies](#) will be held upstairs in the SSB Conference Center. Teams will line up fifteen minutes beforehand to parade in and are encouraged to bring team/membership banners and fun hats. The Mime Who Talks will be entertaining teams with clowning, mime, and juggling, while they wait outside, beginning at 3:00pm!

3:30pm – Problem 1 and 3

4:15pm – Problem 5

5:00pm – Problems 2 and 4

We hope your teams will stay and make the whole tournament day a celebration of the team's hard work, regardless of the outcome. As long as there is enough audience space, teams are encouraged to watch other teams' long-term performances. You also may want to bring card games, frisbees, or other things for team members to do indoors or outdoors.

(2) [Food Truck Rodeo and Pre-Ordered Lunches!](#) Don't forget that this year we are having a FOOD TRUCK RODEO including Dusty's Donuts, Bandito's, Ty's All Natural, Dang Good Dogs, Chick-N-Que, and The Kupkake Fairy! If your team pre-ordered lunches from The Bagged Lunch Co., they will be available for pick-up at the Information Desk downstairs in SSB at lunch time. Both the Bagged Lunch Co. lunches and the food trucks were very popular with our competitors and their families last year! There also are fast food restaurants nearby and plenty of parking at Wake Tech if you choose to leave and return, but you should not need to!

(3) [Safety and Supervision](#). Finally, while you are on campus, please make sure that all children are supervised. In the past, Wake Tech staff or tournament officials have been alarmed to find OotM team members and other children playing at dangerous heights, throwing large rocks, writing on walls, and damaging trees. That behavior is not safe or appropriate! Please talk to your teams about being respectful of the Wake Tech campus and about representing their school/organization well with their best behavior. We do not want to hurt our good relationship with Wake Tech and, more importantly, ***we do not want students to endanger themselves or others!***

We look forward to seeing you and your teams at Wake Tech on March 3!

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