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Hello Odyssey of the Mind Coaches and Coordinators!

We hope that your season is off to a great start! While it may feel like fall has just begun, it is time to be thinking about 2018 events already.

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

You can find [information about registering](#) your teams and your judges and volunteers on ncome.org. When you are ready to register, you will need to log into the [Member Area](#) of odysseyofthemind.com to complete the registration.

The Early Bird fee is **\$100 for each Division I, II, or III team, and \$25 for each Primary team**. Registrations paid online or by check mailed *after December 23 but before the final deadline of January 27* will cost \$145 for each Division I, II, or III team, and \$25 for each Primary team.

The name, phone number, and e-mail address for your **team's required Judge and Volunteer must be included to complete your team's registration**. If you have any questions about finding judges and volunteers, or about the registration process in general, don't hesitate to contact our Regional Director, Tom Hansen, at Tom.Hansen.OotM@gmail.com or our Tournament Director, Lexie Groner, at ncometournamentdirector@gmail.com for assistance.

SPONTANEOUS FAIR REGISTRATION IS COMING SOON!

Our annual Spontaneous Fair will be held on Saturday, January 27, at Morris Grove Elementary School in Chapel Hill. There will be two identical sessions, a morning session from approximately 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., and an afternoon session from approximately 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Teams will attend EITHER the morning OR afternoon session.

This event is intended for Division I and II teams only. We would love to have some experienced Division III team members help present problems and share their experience and skills! If you are an experienced current coach whose team will be attending one of the sessions, but you could present during the other, that would be great too! The more presenters we have, the more teams can have an opportunity to attend the Spontaneous Fair. Please contact Marjory Moe, marjmoe@gmail.com, if you can help or if you know of experienced Division III team members, OotM alumni, or coaches who may be willing to volunteer!

Registration is by team and the cost is \$50 per team. Each team will stay together throughout the Spontaneous Fair and work on a variety of different kinds of spontaneous problems with a variety of presenters. Any number of team members may attend, but the more team members present, the more your team will benefit! At least one coach or parent must stay with each team throughout the Spontaneous Fair, but all team coaches and parents are welcome.

COACHES WEBINAR, DECEMBER 2

Before we get ahead of ourselves, however, don't forget that our Coaches Webinar is coming up on December 2 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.! We'll cover topics such as tournament registration, general coaching tips and strategies, and how to submit clarification requests. There will be lots of time for Q&A! The session will be particularly helpful for newer coaches. The call-in number and WebEx url will be emailed to everyone on this list a few days beforehand.

COACHES TRAINING AND WIKI MATERIALS

Thank you to everyone who attended our Coaches Training on October 28! Handouts and presentation materials from many of the sessions are available on ncome.org, in the middle yellow box, just below the tournament registration information. You also can find materials from previous Coaches Trainings in the pink column on the right. Don't forget to check out the NC Odyssey of the Mind Eastern Region [Wiki](#) for lots of additional helpful information throughout the season as well!

As always, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need suggestions or resources during the season!

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