

North Carolina Odyssey of the Mind
2012 Central Region Tournament

October 22, 2011

Dear Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator or Team Coach,

The 2012 North Carolina Odyssey of the Mind competition year is up and running. We are excited that Wingate University is hosting the Central Region Tournament (March 3, 2012). Wingate has a beautiful campus, located just east of Monroe on US 74. The State Tournament will also be held March 31, 2012 at Wingate University in Wingate.

The fee to send a team to the Central Regional Tournament is \$105. Each region in the state sets a discount deadline date. If you make your payment before that deadline, your actual fee will be \$85. Central Region early discount deadline is January 15, 2011.

Central Region teams will [register online](#) when their team has formed. This gives us an early basis to estimate how many teams might compete at the tournament. This commitment should reach us by December 21, 2011. If you joined after December 1, 2011, your [online registration](#) deadline is January 15, 2012. You must [register online](#) for any team that could possibly compete, even if they are just thinking of forming a team. Full registration instructions are available by clicking the "[Team Registration Instructions](#)" link found at central.ncom.org.

Please have individual team coaches fill out this registration. This information is used to create coach's name badges and participation certificates for each team member so please check you spelling and capitalize the first letter when entering a name. This also gives us direct access to coaches when we have changes that affect their individual problem. *(Please note: **You must have cookies turned on to register.** Make sure your spam filter does not block webguy@odysseyofthemind.com because that is where your email confirmation will originate.)*

This year **each team is required to provide a minimum of one judge plus one volunteer.** After your team is registered, the coach or coordinator must recruit the required judges and volunteers by January 31, 2011. **Only teams that have their judges and volunteers REGISTERED by January 31, 2012 will be eligible to compete.**

We have a new Judge/Volunteer registration process that makes it easy for your Judge or Volunteer to link their registration to your team. All they need is the membership name along with the coach's name so they can pick your team from a list of teams from your school. *Please note: The Judge/Volunteer nomination process is still available as an option in the Member area where you register your team. When you fill out the form nominating a judge or volunteer an email is sent to their email address that includes a registration link that will link their registration to your team. Please note that you must register your team before you ask your judge or volunteer to register so your team will be a choice on the link list.*

You will find links to [online registration](#) on the Central Region Website <http://central.ncom.org>. Please register your teams online and have your judges [register online](#) as soon as possible. The membership's coordinator is responsible for making sure coaches nominate their judges and officials. All judges and volunteers must register online using a valid email address so we can contact them with updated information in a timely manner.

Judges' are required to attend training from 8AM through 3PM (lunch is provided) on February 19, 2011. Judges will not be able to leave their judging site for any reason on tournament day. Judges duties on March 5, 2011 will begin as early as 6:30 am and end as late as 4pm.

Volunteers will be notified no later than one week (earlier if possible) before the tournament with their assignment. Volunteers should plan to work all day, and can be excused to watch their child's team perform.

Judges' training will be Saturday, February 18, 2012 at Trinity Episcopal School in downtown Charlotte. Judges will be assigned and sent a copy of their problem, a schedule, and map no later than one week before training. The tournament will be held at Wingate University, Saturday, March 3, 2012. We will post a schedule of the times and locations your teams will compete at least 2 weeks before the tournament.

Make sure you check your email on a regular basis. All future communications will be through email.

Thanks for you continued help.

Dick Raley and Bart Austin,
Central Region Co-Directors