

# Welcome

WELCOME TO THE **2009- 2010** SEASON OF CREATIVITY, PROBLEM SOLVING, AND TEAM WORK!  
WE WANT TEAMS, TEAMS, TEAMS!!!!!!

TO COMPETE AT REGIONAL, STATE, AND WORLD LEVELS, YOU MUST BECOME A MEMBER:

To become a member of North Carolina Odyssey of the Mind, go to [www.odysseyofthemind.com](http://www.odysseyofthemind.com).

To learn more about North Carolina Odyssey of the Mind, visit our website: [www.ncom.org](http://www.ncom.org).

IF YOU HAVE IDEAS, SUGGESTIONS, OR WANT TO PARTICIPATE AT THE BOARD LEVEL, LET US  
HEAR FROM YOU!!!

**TO VIEW THE 2009-2010 LONG TERM SYNOPSES, GO TO [www.odysseyofthemind.com](http://www.odysseyofthemind.com).**

LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT OotM SEASON, WITH YOUR PARTICIPATION!!!!

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***9/22/09 UPDATE !!!!!!! EVENTS INFORMATION !!! PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE ENTRY!!!!!!***

## **EVENTS- IN ORDER OF OCCURRENCE:**

- COACHES SEMINAR -

Saturday, November 7, 2009

9 am- 1pm Elkin Ele School, Elkin, NC Snacks and drinks provided

THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO ALL COACHES AND INTERESTED PERSONS / POTENTIAL  
COACHES

REGISTRATION WILL IS ONLINE Go to <http://northern.ncom.org> to register.

EMAIL YOUR QUESTIONS TO [northerncom@skybest.com](mailto:northerncom@skybest.com)

DESCRIPTION- Whether you are a new or experienced coach, this seminar is for YOU!! Topics will include: How to promote creative problem solving, How to encourage 'projection' (stage presence) of the Long Term Problem (LTP) Solution at competition, How to successfully support your team as they work to solve the LTP and practice for Spontaneous, Understanding the paperwork ! , Bringing it all together on Tournament day: What the coaches can and can't do!!! , Just what is style ???, Overall team strategies for success. Presenters will include experienced coaches, judges, problem captains. FREE SPONTANEOUS PRACTICE KITS WILL BE PROVIDED TO EACH COACH TO TAKE BACK FOR TEAM PRACTICE. CCI OotM educational materials will be on sale. Souvenirs and t shirts will also be on sale. COACHES SEMINAR IS WELL WORTH THIS INVESTMENT OF TIME—IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, WANT TO ADVANCE YOUR TEAMS SUCCESS TO THE STATE LEVEL, OR YOU JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND OM—THIS IS A MUST EVENT!!!!

- **DEADLINE FOR OotM MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION (REQUIRED FOR TEAM REGISTRATION TO COMPETE AT THE NORTHERN REGION TOURNAMENT)- JANUARY 1, 2010. REGISTER AT [odysseyofthemind.com](http://odysseyofthemind.com).**

- SPONTANEOUS FAIR -

Saturday, 1/30/10 Snow Date 2/6/10

9 am- 1pm Elkin Ele School Elkin , NC

Registration Fee \$25/ team (any number of the team can come)

Snacks and drinks provided (included in registration fee)

Registration will be online; date for registration to be announced.

Questions may be emailed to [northerncom@skybest.com](mailto:northerncom@skybest.com)

Description- Teams will rotate through a variety of practice Spontaneous Problem Solving sessions. Each practice session will be conducted much like a 'real' competition. (Small team numbers may be combined with others to make the practice sessions realistic.) Experienced coaches and judges will give positive and constructive feedback. Team members will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss. Coaches will be allowed to watch their team and ask questions. How the Spontaneous event is conducted on Tournament day will also be discussed. CCI OotM educational/ practice materials and OotM souvenirs/ t shirts will be on sale. REMEMBER- SUCCESS IN SOLVING THE SPONTANEOUS PROBLEM IS ESSENTIAL TO PLACING WELL ON TOURNAMENT DAY!

- **DEADLINE FOR ONLINE TEAM REGISTRATION TO COMPETE AT THE NORTHERN REGION TOURNAMENT IS 1/31/10; PER TEAM REGISTRATION IS \$105. *EARLY BIRD TEAM REGISTRATION IS ONLY \$85/ TEAM, IF REGISTERED ONLINE BY 1/17/10. NOTE: THESE DEADLINES ARE EARLIER THIS YEAR SO DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING START OF REGISTRATION! ALSO, EACH TEAM MUST NOMINATE ONE JUDGE AND ONE VOLUNTEER IN ORDER TO COMPETE.* DETAILS TO BE PROVIDED WHEN REGISTRATION OPENS. QUESTIONS MAY BE E MAILED TO [northerncom@skybest.com](mailto:northerncom@skybest.com).**

- JUDGES TRAINING -

Saturday, 2/20/10 9am- 1pm

Clemmons Ele School Clemmons, NC

Judges are nominated by each team and contacted by the Problem Captains with training details.

- **NORTHERN REGION TOURNAMENT -**

**SATURDAY, 3/6/10 (THIS IS A DATE CHANGE AS OF 9/20/09!)**

NORTHWEST GUILFORD MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS GREENSBORO, NC

SCHEDULE TO BE ANNOUNCED AFTER TEAM REGISTRATION ENDS

TOURNAMENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND IS FREE!

MORE DETAILS AS TOURNAMENT DAY APPROACHES

- **NORTH CAROLINA STATE TOURNAMENT -**

SATURDAY 4/10/10

WINGATE UNIVERSITY WINGATE, NC

DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED

- **WORLD FINALS-**

MAY 26- 29, 2010

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

EAST LANSING, MI