

NC Odyssey of the Mind Eastern Region

Is Everybody Ready? It's Tournament Time!

Special Thanks to R. D. Euzelle Smith Middle School, & Chapel Hill High School administrators and faculty for allowing us to use their facilities for the 2009 NCOM Eastern Region Tournament!

This year's tournament will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at the Smith Middle and Chapel Hill High School complex. These schools and the Carrboro Chapel Hill Public School System have been very gracious with their hospitality. Please show your gratitude by helping keep the entire Chapel Hill / Smith campus clean.

Your Team's Schedule:

Your team's schedule is online! Follow this link to get to the NCOM Eastern Region Tournament Schedule and find your school: <http://www.ncome.org>

Tournament Schedule

Team check-in will be in the lobby of Chapel Hill High School's common's area (cafeteria lobby) (Bldg B) from 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Long-Term and Spontaneous competitions will run from 8:15 AM to 4:15 PM. The information booth in both schools will remain open all day for information, forms, and lost and found. Souvenir Sales and food concessions will take place throughout the day in the High School Gym commons area, CHHS auditorium commons area, & Middle school cafeteria. **The award ceremonies will held at 5:30 PM.**

How to Get There

A map to Chapel Hill High School and/or R. D. Euzelle Smith Middle School can be found by following the link at <http://www.ncome.org> or <http://www.mapquest.com>.

When Should You Arrive?

Teams must check in at the registration desk in the **Chapel Hill High School cafeteria lobby** prior to competing. Please plan to arrive in plenty of time to check-in, locate sites, and make preparations for competition. We recommend arrival 45 minutes to 1 hour before your scheduled performance or spontaneous time. With the permission of the Head Judge, sites may be available to be briefly previewed before competition begins. If doors are closed at any competition site, the room may not be entered.

Meals and Deals

The Chapel Hill High School Band & several organizations in the middle school will be running the food concessions. Food, snacks & drinks will be available in the CHHS gym commons area and auditorium commons area. Snacks and drinks will be available in R.D. Euzelle Smith Middle School. Please patronize these groups! Odyssey of the Mind products, pins, shirts, and souvenirs will also be on sale in the CHHS commons area.

Parking

There is plenty of parking on the Chapel Hill High School Parking lot Complex! Limited space is available at R. D. Euzelle Smith Middle School. Please use the school map to locate your team's problem performance area. Once you have dropped off your things at the unloading zone, please move your vehicle immediately to the high school parking lot. Do not leave unattended vehicles in the unloading zone. Parking is permitted on paved areas only!

Name Tags

Teams and coaches are required to wear name tags during the tournament day with the exception of during your long term performance. Tags will be provided in the registration packets that will be distributed at the registration desk. If teams prefer to make their own tags they must include: name, school, problem, division and a stripe of color that matches the color assigned to their problem (check the color assignments on the attached map).

What Should Your Team Bring?

- 3 completed copies of the Style Form. 4 would be appreciated.
- 1 completed copy of the Cost Form
- 1 signed and completed copy of the Outside Assistance Form
- Any Problem Clarifications the team has received
- 3 copies of any list (if required by the team's problem) 4 would be appreciated.
- Any items listed in the team's problem under the section "Team Must Provide"
- All props, costumes, backdrops, and A/V equipment
- Money for food, T-shirts, pins, hats, etc.
- Change of clothes
- Books or quiet games to play
- Appropriate footwear, soft soled shoes for the gym floors (tennis or athletic shoes)
- Frisbees, balls, etc. for outdoor fun
- Two pairs of safety goggles (for structure teams)
- Best behavior
- Maps
- Team or school banner for Parade

Security

Please encourage your students and parents to leave valuables, props, and problem solutions locked in cars or on buses. We are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged articles. There will be Police officers on campus.

OMER's Award

Nominations for Omer's Award will be accepted during the tournament at the information desks. Forms will be available there. Read about OMER's award in your program guide. Completed forms for nominations are to be turned into the information desks for review by the Tournament Awards Committee.

Parade of Teams

Teams will gather at the rear (South) entrance to the CHHS gymnasium around 5:15 PM. You will receive a position number in your tournament packet and will be lined up according to that number. We will then parade into the venue(s) for the Awards Ceremony. Teams will be announced as they enter. Please bring a banner for your team to carry in the parade. The grand entry of the teams with banners waving is definitely a Kodak moment!

Award Ceremony

We will have two simultaneous awards ceremonies. At this time, we believe we will use both CHHS gymnasiums or the Main Gym and the Auditorium. We will begin as close to 5:30 as possible. Please make parents and supporters aware of this schedule and let them know that there is plenty of seating available in the bleachers. The ceremony for problems 1, 2, & 3 will be in the Main Gymnasium. Problems 4 & 5 will have their ceremony in the Aux Gym or the CHHS auditorium. **If we are running late, please be patient and understand that we want to be as fair and thorough in judging and scoring the last team as we are with the first team. When the doors open, parents and supporters should enter and sit in the bleachers. Teams and coaches will parade in and sit in the bleachers or floor.**

Questions?

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