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Friends of NC Odyssey of the Mind,

Our 2021-2022 year saw over 800 students across the state improve their creative problem solving skills through Odyssey of the Mind. This includes 41 teams (an all-time North Carolina high!) that made the trip to Iowa State this past May for World Finals. It was the first full World Finals since 2019!

Now, it's time to get your creative juices flowing again and begin your 2022-2023 Odyssey. Your Region and State Boards have been planning and preparing this summer to again make Odyssey of the Mind a fun learning experience. You can begin your Odyssey journey by purchasing a membership from Odyssey HQ at:

<https://www.odysseyofthemind.com/member-resources/>

Following are a few more items to keep in mind as we begin the year:

1. Look for region specific information from your Region Director – Mountains to Sea!
 - a. Western – Pam Norton (westernncom@aol.com)
 - b. Northern – Nicole Adams (nicoleadamsncom@gmail.com)
 - c. Central – Mitzi Lynch (mitzilync.com@gmail.com)
 - d. Eastern – Randy Burton (ncomepc1@gmail.com)
 - e. Coastal – Carolyn Braly (bralyc@gmail.com)
2. Remember to check this site, Facebook, and Instagram throughout the year for information and updates. From this landing page you can also access region specific websites.
3. Full problem descriptions (including Primary) will be available by August 16 for those who purchase a membership. Until then, you can check out the problem synopses at:
<https://www.odysseyofthemind.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/2023-Synopses.pdf>
4. Region and State Tournaments that will be held in Spring 2023 are being planned. Currently we are aiming for February 25, March 4, and March 11 for our region tournaments and March 25 for the State Tournament. Those dates will vary, depending on venues available in each region.
5. To help with rising costs, this year we are increasing our tournament fees:
 - a. Region Tournaments- \$115 (early bird)/\$160 (normal) for Divisions 1, 2, and 3. This is an increase from \$105/\$150. Registration dates are determined by each region and generally end from late-December to mid-January. Primary team tournament fees vary by region and generally are in the \$35/team range.
 - b. State Tournament – a new fee of \$50 will be charged for any team advancing to the State Tournament. In the past, State Tournaments were paid for in part with a portion of your Region Tournament fee.

We are looking forward to providing opportunities for our North Carolina students to develop, improve, and showcase their creative problem solving and team building skills.

Stay Creative!

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