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VIRGINIA OPPORTUNITIES IN CREATIVITY EXPLORATIONS
The **VOICES** of Odyssey of the Mind®

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024 REGIONAL TOURNAMENT WINNERS!

Congratulations to your team! Enclosed is some information you should know in preparing for the Odyssey of the Mind State Finals Tournament. We are looking forward to seeing you and your team on **Saturday, April 6, 2024 at Tuscarora High School** located at 801 N. King Street, Leesburg, VA 20176. You will receive an email by 29 March with the initial tournament schedule, and no later than 3 April with the final tournament schedule. Our schedule will be developed after the final regional tournament winners register for the State Tournament. Please share the following information with your team members and parents, as appropriate. Additional State Finals information will be sent via email closer to the tournament so please check your email frequently.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2024 VOICES STATE FINALS TOURNAMENT

1. **Register your team** within 7 days of your regional competition.
2. Go to the National Odyssey of the Mind website (www.odysseyofthemind.com) and click on "Member Area".
3. Enter your team's membership number and the zip code that was given to CCI on the membership application form (NOTE: NOT necessarily the coach's home zip code).
4. Click on "Team Registration" on the page that will come up after you have entered membership number and zip code.
5. On the menu, choose "2024 VA State Finals Tournament" in the bar where you can select the tournament for which you are registering.
6. Enter your problem and division.
7. Proceed from there to register for State Finals.
8. Be sure to note any disability, **scheduling concerns**, multiple teams coached by the same coach, or team members on multiple teams in the comments section. Do not wait for the first draft of the schedule to see if you have a conflict.
9. The tournament fee is \$90.00. Please make checks payable to **"VOICES"** and mail to:
Geneva Moores
VOICES Odyssey of the Mind Treasurer
431 N. Kenmore St.
Arlington, VA 22201
10. **You must register a TRAINED judge and a volunteer,**
- Your judge must register individually at:
https://www.odysseyofthemind.com/reg/registration_step.php?g=ootm&s=judge&c=16384
- Your volunteer must register individually at:
https://www.odysseyofthemind.com/reg/registration_step.php?g=ootm&s=volunteer&c=16384

JUDGES: We request trained judges who participated in a regional tournament this season. Your team MAY be penalized if you fail to provide a judge. **All judges should register online** within 5-7 days after the end of your regional tournament so we can send them information and make judging assignments in advance of State Finals.

- IF a judge is representing a team, be prepared to enter the team name, team membership number, problem and division, and coach's name.

Judges will be asked to attend a **Judges Coordination meeting** at Tuscarora High School, the competition site, on Friday evening, April 5, with the rest of their judging team, and will need to be at Tuscarora High School **all day** on Saturday, April 6.

Note: Judges are required to remain at their judging site for the duration of the day (or until 45 minutes after the final team performs). They will not be able to leave to see teams at other sites performing.

VOLUNTEERS: Every team advancing to the state final must provide **one volunteer** (to work for a 2-hour period during the day Saturday). Team parents make wonderful volunteers and they will be able to their teams perform their long term problem. **Volunteers will receive their assignments prior to arriving on April 6, and there is no pre-tournament meeting for volunteers.**

- IF the volunteer is representing a team, please be prepared to enter the team name, team membership number, problem and division, and coach's name.

Tournament Check-in: Coaches should check in upon arrival at Tuscarora High School and pick up a registration packet. Registration will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. After 10:30 packets will still be available, but you may be marked as a "no-show," unless you have notified David Tsuda (703-585-3357) that you will be arriving late.

Paperwork for Tournament Day – same as region tournament requirements

- Style Forms
- Cost Forms
- Outside Assistance Forms
- Team Clarifications – especially private clarifications
- Required Team Lists
- Team Picture

Spontaneous Problem Performance Time: Teams will report to the Spontaneous Check-in Desk 15 minutes before their scheduled spontaneous time. Remember that teams may NOT discuss the spontaneous problem **until after World Finals!**

Long Term Problem Performance Time: Teams will report to the respective Problem Staging Area 20 mins before the scheduled performance time. Please be ready to submit all copies of required paperwork.

Problem 4 Structure Weigh-in: All "**Deep Space Structure**" balsa teams will submit their structures to the Weigh-in area a minimum of one hour before their scheduled competition times. The structure will be measured, weighed, and checked for rule infractions according to the problem rules, then both will be sealed in a box or bag by a Weigh-in judge. The box or bag will be returned to the team no more than 25 minutes before the scheduled performance time.

Sets and Props: Teams may unload and reload props from cars and vans in areas that will be marked. To help limit any congestion, we ask that all teams wait to unload props until

approximately one hour before your scheduled competition time. Please be prompt, also, in removing them from the building after your performance.

Scores: Coaches will provide a cell phone number to receive notification when long term problem raw scores are available. Scores will be returned ONLY to coaches (identified by the coach's ribbon in your registration packet.) **Direct any questions about your team's long term scores to the Head Judge within 30 minutes of receiving your official copy of those scores.**

The regional tournament score has no bearing on the state tournament score.

At the end of the State Tournament, all teams Long Term and Spontaneous scores will be posted to the VOICES website (www.vaodyyssey.org).

Teams Advancing to WORLD FINALS: First and Second Place teams and any Ranatra Fusca Team Winners will advance to the 2024 World Finals Competition at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa on **May 21-24, 2024**. Coaches of teams advancing to World Finals are required to attend a **World Finals Orientation meeting in the Auditorium** following the Award Ceremony.

Tuscarora High School is our tournament host. **PLEASE respect off-limits signs and barriers.** See the program for a school map. PLEASE arrive early enough to orient yourself with where your Division/Problem is performing, and where the Spontaneous Problem Check-in Desk is located.

The Tuscarora High School Band is providing a **food concession on site**. I will send out a pre-order menu and a link to an on-line order form. We will use the cafeteria for food and beverage. You can pack a lunch and or snacks and beverages, but please only use the cafeteria. There are multiple fast food outlets and various restaurants in the area.

A FEW OTHER REMINDERS

- * Your team is responsible for all the rules in the Program Guide, including safety rules.
- * Be sure to have an Emergency Care Form for every team member. Please keep this form on hand during the competition.
- * We would like to leave Tuscarora High School cleaner than we found it! Please be great guests and put all the trash in the proper receptacles. Keep food in the cafeteria or outside!
- * Hotel Information is attached. The hotels are few and you may not get your first preference. Call early for reservations. Each team is responsible for its own reservations. Be sure to ask for the Virginia State Odyssey of the Mind Tournament Block Rate. PLEASE use these hotels.

EMERGENCY CARE INFORMATION

(Coach: Keep a copy of this form for each team member with you at the tournament)

EVENT: 2024 VOICES of Odyssey of the Mind State Finals Tournament

LOCATION: Tuscarora High School, 801 N. King St, Leesburg, VA 20176

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Address: _____ **ZIP** _____

Father's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Address (if different from above): _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Family Physician: _____ **Phone:** _____

Insurance Information (effective on April 5, 2024):

Carrier: _____ Plan # _____ Policy # _____

Medical History

Allergies:

Insect stings _____

Food (please list) _____

Drugs (please list) _____

Medical conditions:

Please list any disabilities/conditions we should be aware of: _____

Is your child currently under the care of a physician for a medical problem? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please explain _____

List all medications and dosages your child receives on a continual basis or is receiving at the present time: _____

Parental/Guardian Permission:

I give my permission for such diagnostic and therapeutic procedures as may be deemed necessary for my son/daughter by an emergency room or nearest hospital. The medical staff has my authorization to provide treatment which a physician deems necessary for the well-being of my child. I agree to be responsible for all charges incurred.

Date: _____ Signature: _____ Relationship to student: _____