

# 2008 NCOM STATE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY April 5, 2008

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Tournament officials are doing everything possible to make each team's day an enjoyable experience. Please read all materials. Your knowledge and understanding will insure that everyone has a good experience.

**We wish to express sincere and grateful appreciation to East Carolina University who generously donated their impressive campus facilities, services and hospitality to NCOM. PLEASE be good guests and show your gratitude by keeping the ECU campus clean and by disposing of all trash in proper containers.**

### **Tournament Information and East Carolina University Interactive E-Maps.**

All tournament information is posted on the State Tournament Page at [www.ncom.org/StateTournament/2008StateTournament.htm](http://www.ncom.org/StateTournament/2008StateTournament.htm) including the Competition Schedule, Events Schedule and Locations, Accommodations, and other links. ECU built a wonderful tournament site for NCOM which includes 5 interactive E-Maps: 1.) Event Sites, 2.) Dining, 3) Things to Do, 4.) Bus Routes, 5.) Parking. To print out each map go to "Download a pdf. of the map." A welcome letter from Chancellor Ballard and driving directions are also included. Go to [www.ecu.edu/odysseyofthemind](http://www.ecu.edu/odysseyofthemind) or link from [www.ncom.org](http://www.ncom.org) State Tournament Page.

**Emergency** In case of a serious emergency at competition, call 911 or use emergency campus call boxes. Non-emergency campus police – 252-328-6787

**First Aid - Student Health Urgent Care** – 9am-12noon

**Team members must be with a coach or adult chaperone who is responsible for the students at all times.** When not competing, see "Things to Do" on campus (included below) and ECU's interactive E-Map.

**Security** is difficult when dealing with this many people and other groups who will be on the ECU campus on April 5. Please encourage your students to leave valuables, props, and problem solutions locked in vehicles until needed. Teams leaving personal items, props, and equipment in the prop/check-in rooms, sites, hallways or bathrooms do so at their own risk. We will not be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged articles.

**IMPORTANT PARKING and SHUTTLE BUS INFORMATION YOU MUST SHARE WITH EVERYONE COMING WITH YOUR TEAM TO ECU.** [See ECU Bus Routes and Parking E-Maps] **PARKING IS NOT AVAILABLE ON CAMPUS. DO NOT PARK IN RESTRICTED OR PERMIT PARKING LOTS. Park in the Murphy Center/Minges Coliseum/Stadium Parking lots located on Charles Blvd. and Ficklen Dr.** There will be continuous and dedicated OotM shuttle busses running on a 15 minute loop from 6:30am-6:30pm FROM 3 pickup stops at the Coliseum/Stadium Park and Ride lots: 1.) Lower lot bus stop, 2.) Minges Coliseum, 3.) Murphy Center/Stadium Gate 6; TO 3 locations on campus near competition sites: 1.) Brewster for Brewster and Fletcher, 2.) Joyner Library for Bate and Mendenhall 3.) Mendenhall. ECU bus drivers will have competition site information so they can answer your questions and direct you to the correct stop. Bus stops should be marked by OotM

Shuttle Stop signs. You must plan to build in plenty of extra time to park, ride the shuttle and get to your competition locations. We recommend you park and spend the day on the ECU campus.

### **Team Registration – Bate Building Lobby**

Friday: 6:30-8:30pm Parking regulations will be suspended and not enforced on Friday evening.

Saturday: 7:30am-10:30am

The Head Coach should pick up and sign for the team's packet. The packet will include programs, certificates, name tags, Awards Ceremony parade line-up number, Score Sheet Coupon and additional flyers and information. Please plan to arrive in plenty of time to register, locate sites, and make preparations for competition.

**Site Preview** If the building and performance area is available and with the permission of the Head Judge or Problem Captain, sites may be previewed Friday evening. If doors are closed, the room may not be entered. No rehearsals may be held in the competition room.

The Score Room, judges' administrative areas, and officials' hospitality rooms are restricted to tournament officials only. Brewster Spontaneous building is off limits to everyone except for teams and coaches.

**NCOM Information and Lost and Found Desk is located in Bate Building lobby.**

### **Things to Do While on Campus [See ECU Things to Do E-Map]**

NASA E-theater: Mendenhall Hendrix Theater 11am, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm; Minges Coliseum 4:30pm

Youth Arts Festival, ECU Mall, 10am-4pm

Self-guided access to Joyner Library Exhibitions

Jenkins Fine Arts Exhibitions, Gray Gallery, Self-guided sculpture tour

Self-guided campus tour

Recreation at Mendenhall Student Center: bowling, billiards

Dowdy Student Stores, Wright Building, 11am-4pm

### **Campus Dining [See ECU Dining E-Map]**

Mendenhall Student Center: Java City and Destination 360 (Bleeker Street, Pirate Grill, ENE) 7am-midnight

The Croatan (Chick-fil-A, Pirate Grill, Java City) 7am-2pm

Wright Place (Einstein Brothers Bagels, Sbarro, Java City) 7am-2pm

Bate Building: Bate C3 Express 7am-2pm

West End and Todd Dining Halls, Lunch 10:30am-2pm, Dinner 4:30pm-7pm, \$6 all you can eat

Minges Coliseum Food Concessions, open 4pm

**FOOD AND DRINKS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN COMPETITION SITES.** Food and drinks must be consumed in designated areas.

### **Souvenir Sales – Bate Building Lobby**

Odyssey of the Mind and NCOM pins, shirts, and many other products will be available for purchase. Sale proceeds will benefit NCOM and our teams..

### **Team Parade and Awards Ceremony at Minges Coliseum Williams Arena**

The Awards Ceremony will begin at 5pm (or as soon as the scores are ready) with a grand parade of the 2008 State Finals Teams. Teams and coaches should report to Minges Coliseum at 4:30pm for parade formation. Teams will line-up in the space designated for your team according to the parade position number enclosed in your team registration packet. Team members may carry a

banner or small props and wear costumes to “show off” your solutions as you are announced to the audience. Teams and coaches will be seated on the floor. Parents and supporters will be directed to arena seating. Coaches, be prepared for a “Kodak moment” as teams are recognized and presented with their trophies and awards. The audience will not have access to the arena floor. Occasionally, there are delays at competition sites and in the Score Room. If we are running late, please be patient and understand that we want to be fair, thorough and accurate in the scoring of all teams. Please plan to remain for the entire ceremony and the announcement of all results.

### **World Finals Teams**

First and second place teams and LT Team Ranatra Fusca winners will advance to the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at the University of Maryland, College Park May 31 – June 3. **You MUST notify us right away if your team does not plan to attend World Finals.** NCOM may advance 2 teams in each problem/division and we want our state to be fully represented. Teams (especially 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams) should hold on to props for a few weeks in case we determine that your team may advance to State Finals. **A very important World Finals Coaches meeting at the Murphy Center Harvey Banquet Hall ( 2<sup>nd</sup> floor) will begin promptly 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Awards Ceremony.** Please go **immediately** to the meeting following the Awards Ceremony. Your World Finals Awards Packet will include online registration instructions for room and board, detailed information about World Finals, NCOM information, trading pin order forms, and helpful preparation tips for your World Finals odyssey!

**Results and Score sheets** The only score sheets that may be returned to you are the raw LT scores given back at the competition site and the Averaged Style Score Sheet. Your Style score sheet and the results page from your problem/division will be available following the Awards Ceremony. You must present the Score Coupon found in your team’s registration packet. The tournament results will be posted on [www.ncom.org](http://www.ncom.org) no later than Monday, April 7.

**More about the NASA E-theater** NASA accepted East Carolina University’s invitation to come to campus as a special event for their 2007-2009 Centennial Celebration. The showings are free and open to the campus and Greenville communities. David Herring, an East Carolina University graduate and Earth Sciences Project Manager at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt Md., will be conducting the E-theatre. We encourage everyone to go to the showings. Unless you attend World Finals, it is likely this may be your only opportunity to ever see the E-theater. After the e-theater presentation, David and Charlotte Griner, an Outreach Specialist and Consultant in the Earth Observing System(EOS) Project Science Office who secured the NASA corporate sponsorship for Odyssey of the Mind, will answer your questions, provide NOAA handouts and materials, and discuss our climate and changing earth. Please express your appreciation and thanks to David and Charlotte.

**Coaches:** Please print out all Tournament Information, Rules and ECU maps. Bring them with you to tournament and make copies of the information for your team members and their families.

### **Questions??**

Contact State Tournament Co- Directors: Betsy Adams 252-443-2715, [adamsbets@hotmail.com](mailto:adamsbets@hotmail.com); or Carolyn Braly 252-249-7256, [bralyc@coastalnet.com](mailto:bralyc@coastalnet.com).

GOOD LUCK! HAVE FUN!

Thank you so much for the time, energy and talents you give to make this program possible for our children! We wish your team an enjoyable, memorable Odyssey of the Mind experience!