

# **Odyssey of the Mind**

## **Spontaneous Team Workshop**

### **Saturday, January 26, 2008**

The Spontaneous Team Workshop, sponsored by NOVA West Odyssey of the Mind teams from Sovereign Grace Church, will provide teams in Divisions 1-3 practice and feedback in preparing for the spontaneous problem-solving segment of upcoming tournaments. Within a competition-like setting, teams will solve four spontaneous problems (at least one of each type: verbal, verbal/hands-on, and hands-on) and receive immediate input from judges regarding the creativity of their responses, teamwork, and areas for improvement. Volunteers (ages 15+), provided by each participating team, will serve as judges. (Division 3 teams will be judged by adults only.)

Since this event is a workshop, coaches are invited to be in the room as observers (limit of two, please) when their team solves each problem. Moreover, for the verbal and verbal/hands-on problems, each team will be able to remain in the spontaneous room to observe another team solving the same problem. This will provide teams with an invaluable learning opportunity, not available within the competition setting.

Teams can select whether to be scheduled during the morning workshop segment (9:00 am until Noon) or during the afternoon segment (Noon until 3:00 pm). Teams should plan to arrive at the workshop at least a half hour before the start of their session (8:30 am – morning, or 11:30 am – afternoon) and should expect to remain at the workshop for the full three hours. No official scores or awards will be provided at the end of the workshop.

Snack items and beverages will be available for purchase in the team “holding area,” and team members who will be competing in the morning may wish to bring a bag lunch.

- **ELIGIBLE TEAMS:** Division 1-3 Odyssey teams from Northern Virginia (please have at least 4 team members present). Space is limited to 40 teams, and registration will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

- **LOCATION:** Sovereign Grace Church  
5200 Ox Road  
Fairfax, VA 22030

*For directions, visit: [www.sovgracefairfax.org](http://www.sovgracefairfax.org)*

- **FEE:** \$40 per team, for registrations postmarked before December 15, 2007.  
\$50 per team for registrations postmarked December 15 – January 15, 2008.

*Checks should be made out to: **Sovereign Grace Church***

- **REGISTRATION:** To register a team for the workshop, please e-mail workshop coordinator, Kathy Rossell, [kathleenrossell@yahoo.com](mailto:kathleenrossell@yahoo.com), indicating your preference for either a morning or afternoon slot. Once you have received a reply that space is available, complete the registration form and mail it, with payment, to:

Kathy Rossell  
8937 Jameson Street  
Lorton, VA 22079

Space is limited, so registration is not confirmed until payment is received. All registrations must be received by January 15, 2008.

- **VOLUNTEER JUDGES:** To participate in the workshop, each team must provide a judge, age 15 years or older, to serve in either the morning or afternoon sessions of the workshop. Judges will receive training before the start of the workshop, so prior experience is not necessary. Training for judges will begin one hour before each scheduled session (8:00 am for morning, 11:00 am for afternoon), and should plan to remain for the full 4 hours.
- **COACHES/CHAPERONES:** Teams must have at least one adult coach or parent with them at all times. This must be someone other than the volunteer judge.
- **Questions?** Contact: Kathy Rossell (e-mail above OR at 703-495-8118).

# Workshop Registration Form

*Please type or print clearly.*

## Team Information

School Name:

Division:                      Region: NOVA West       NOVA East       Other:

*Please indicate which session you are scheduled for, based on the confirmation e-mail you received.*

Morning:                                       Afternoon:

## Chaperone Information

(This person needs to be an adult.)

Name:

Phone: (Day)                                      (Eve.)                                      (Cell)

E-Mail:

Coach's Name (if different from chaperone):

## Volunteer Judge Information

*Judges will be assigned to same session (morning or afternoon) as team.*

Volunteer Judge Name:

Student (age 15-18):                       Adult:

Phones: (Day)                                      (Eve.)                                      (Cell))

E-Mail:

## Payment

*Please include payment with registration form.*

Postmarked before December 15.....\$ 40.00  
Postmarked, December 15-January 15.....\$ 50.00

*Mail completed form to:*

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