



NYSOMA Newsletter

Creative problem solving through teamwork

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Dates to remember:

September 20, 2008—

Spontaneous Plus!!!

October 17, 2008—

Fall RD meeting

December 15, 2008—

Deadline for state registration and payment

January 10, 2009—

Regional Problem Captain and Head

Judge Training

April 4, 2009— State

Tournament

May 27-30, 2009—

World Finals

Coaches' corner:

We're looking for tips you'd like to pass along to other coaches - how you select team members, structure your team meetings/practices, make sure everything gets done, etc. Please send your hints to nysomanewsletter@hotmail.com so we can pass them along. We'll be sure to give you credit!

The New York State OM Association, Inc, exists to administer, promote, and execute the guidelines, objectives, and rules of the Odyssey of the Mind program in New York State.

Spontaneous Plus!!!

On Saturday, September 20, 2008, OMers from around New York State will be gathering at Averill Park for a workshop offered by NYSOMA that focuses on skills and techniques for solving Spontaneous problems. A segment on long-term style will also be offered, as well as

information for coaches and officials.

Registration is \$25.00 each and includes lunch and snacks. More information can be found at our website (www.nysoma.org) or by contacting Leon Frost at lfrost@twcny.rr.com.

New York Wins at World Finals

Congratulations to all of the teams who advanced to World Finals this year! The teams that received recognition at the Awards Ceremony were:

Problem 2—DinoStories

Division I, second place:
EJ Russell Elementary School, Pine Bush

Division II, sixth place:
Sherburne Earlville Middle School

Division III, first place:
Irondequoit High School

Division III, third place:
Hunter Tannersville MS/HS

Problem 3—The Wonderful Muses

Division II, sixth place:
Lowville Central School Tm A

Division III, fifth place:
Sherburne Earlville High School Team A

Division IV, second place:
Syracuse University

Division IV, third place:
Ithaca College

Problem 4—Tee Structure

Division I, second place:
Circleville Elementary School

Problem 5—The Eccentrics!

Division II, third place:
Warwick Middle School

Division II, sixth place:
Barker Road Middle School

Congratulations also go out to those who participated in and helped with the Float and Banner Parade. New York came home with a trophy for qualifying as one of the ten finalists.

Pin Designs Needed

Put on your thinking caps and start firing up that creativity! NYSOMA needs ideas for pins for the 08/09 competition year and beyond. Please send your designs to sd@nysoma.org. If your design is chosen, you'll be recognized in the state tournament program!



From the Editor

This is the inaugural issue of our newsletter. We invite your comments, suggestions, and contributions by contacting us at nysomanewsletter@hotmail.com.



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