



Other Parents Can Help By...

Hosting meetings: Until January, this involves an indoor meeting. By mid-January, most teams need a garage to build, paint, etc. to store props and to practice.

Being in charge of Spontaneous Problems: Work out a schedule, and one person can be in charge of presenting verbal problems and/or bringing materials for hands-on spontaneous problems. (There are many reference books available and examples in school membership packet or on-line so it's not necessary to reinvent the wheel.)

Being the Team's Judge: Each team is required to supply a judge for tournament day. This involves one day of judges' training (one Saturday in February from 8:30-1:30.) and working on tournament day (Breakfast, snacks and lunch provided). Each team also needs to provide a two-hour volunteer.

Snack Master: Set up a snack schedule based on the team's meeting times. When they start building, they need food. Schedule can rotate families or chose whatever works!

Budget Person: There is a fee to enter the tournament (\$85) and a maximum cost limit for each problem. Often, teams collect a dollar amount from each team member, which is used to pay for fees and materials. Receipts must be kept, and dollar value assigned to donated items. At tournament, each team must turn in a cost form with all materials.

Forms Person: In addition to cost form, there are various other forms that need to be turned in at tournament. Blank forms come with school membership packet or can be found online. In Division I only, a parent can write student's words (middle and high school MUST write their own forms).

Problem Person: Sometimes one set of eyes sees something another doesn't. Only discuss with coach, however, and let coach deal with team. Otherwise, DO NOT help your child with this project. All work needs to be done by team members!