North America Championship

> "Computer science inverts the normal. In normal science, you're given a world, and your job is to find out the rules. In computer science, you give the computer the rules, and it creates the world."
>
> **Alan Kay**, Computer scientist, pioneer in object-oriented programming and windowing graphical user interface design

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Welcome to the first ICPC North America Championship

You are soon to be the very first contestants to participate in the ICPC North America Championship competition!

We want your experience at this event to be challenging AND fun. These newsletters will provide you with important information to help make your travel, stay and participation as issue-free as possible.

01.Are you ready to travel?

Eligibility to participate in an ICPC Regional Contest is predicated on several things. One of them is being able and willing to participate in the contest to which a contestant may advance. An eligible student must be willing and able to compete in the ICPC World Finals. In particular, a student who requires a visa to study at the team's institution must be able to gain a visa to travel to the ICPC World Finals plus be able to return to the institution's location after the Finals: Eligibility Requirements: https://icpc.baylor.edu/regionals/rules.

Airline Ticket ● If you have not yet booked your ticket, please do so as soon as possible. Tickets often go up in price when purchased close to the travel date.

Travel Documents ● Be sure you have, or are in the process of getting, any travel documentation that you may need. This includes identification that is acceptable to the Transportation Security Administration and (if appropriate) the Canadian government.

Weather ● And, of course, be sure to check the weather in Georgia to help you plan what to pack. https://weather.com/weather/today/l/USGA0028:1:US

02.Are you ready to eat?

You should have received a questionnaire asking for information about your dietary needs; and also, asking you to make a lunch selection for your boxed lunch during the contest. (It will also ask you to describe any other special needs you may have.) Please answer it as quickly as possible.

03.Are you ready to compete?

Find practice contests at:

http://naipc.uchicago.edu/practices/

https://icpc.baylor.edu/compete/preparation

NA-ICPC will follow World Finals Rules, which can be found at:

https://icpc.baylor.edu/worldfinals/rules

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