

CHESS SUMMER CAMP

5th - 8th Grade Students



When: June 8-12, 9 am - 12 pm

Where: Homer Jr. High, Room 137, Industrial Arts Room

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Registration: PushCoin

Cost: Full cost \$150, Families with fee waiver cost \$50, Families reduced fee waiver cost \$100

Max registration: 20 students

Why chess camp? Chess provides students an approach to learn and use reasoning skills. These skills then carry over to other educational and life endeavors. In combination with journaling about what was learned and experienced, figuring probability, planning moves, and calculating values, chess is an excellent way to strengthen communication, develop self esteem, self control, promote sportsmanship, and strengthen mathematical skills. No matter your future career, practicing chess will help you to be successful, as you are not playing to beat other players so much as you are playing to become a better, stronger, and more thoughtful person.

The National Scholastic Chess Foundation- states that Chess education is extremely effective with children because:

- Chess involves all levels of critical thinking (knowledge, comprehension, analysis, evaluation)
- Chess requires forethought and cultivates visualization skills
- Chess improves problem solving skills
- Chess encourages children to overcome the fear of risk-taking
- Chess teaches concentration and self-discipline
- Chess enables children to assume responsibility for their decisions
- Chess rewards determination and perseverance
- Chess raises self-esteem and promotes good sportsmanship
- Chess encourages socialization skills that extend across cultures and generations
- Chess is fun!

Structure of a typical class: – Lessons and openings, mid-game tactics, closing tactics, free mini-game(s), concepts and strategy, speed rounds, clean-up.

Other activities may include: Watching famous chess games, learning about the history of chess, moving bodies like pieces in order to instill the movement of pieces and activate kinesthetic learning, figuring piece values and probabilities to support mathematics, strategy, logic, developing friendships, addressing your child's interests and suggestions, and much more!