



SKYLINE CHESS CLUB



SIGN UP BY NOV. 21! Chess, besides being a fun game for both young and old, develops many good character qualities in youth and has been shown to benefit students both academically and socially. Chess develops problem-solving skills, patience, memory, logical and critical thinking, observation, analysis, creativity, concentration, persistence, self-control, responsibility, self-esteem, respect for others, and increased reading comprehension.

SCHEDULE: The Skyline Chess Club will meet at the Skyline E. solarium on Thursday mornings (excluding holidays) beginning on November 29, 2007, through March 6, 2008. Twelve sessions in all. Students are to be seated by 8:30am.

WHO CAN JOIN: Skyline students of all playing levels K-6 are welcome. However, parent (or adult appointee) of Kindergarteners and 1st graders must assist at club for the first five club sessions (Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13, Dec. 20, Jan. 10.) Initially there will be two tracks, one for those who are experienced, and another for those who aren't yet confident they know the rules of chess.

ACTIVITIES: Skyline Chess Club activities will include: ♁-Instruction on good sportsmanship, etiquette, consideration of others, team-building ♁-Instruction on rules, tactics, strategy, recording of moves, use of chess clock ♁-Information about chess culture around the world, chess history, current chess news ♁-Instruction on the two most common chess variants ("speed" and "bughouse") ♁-More advanced exercises and opponents for experienced players

TOURNAMENT - PARTIES: Tournament participation is optional, parent dependent, and coach recommended. For the 2007-2008 school year we encourage all Skyline players to participate in the following three local tournaments (a.k.a. chess parties): Whatcom County Championships, Jan. 12, Lynden fairgrounds; Chess Jam, Feb. 2, Ferndale H.S.; Chess F.E.S.T., in March, right here at Skyline. There are team awards!

INSTRUCTORS: Randy Kaech, USCF Expert, will instruct at club, with vital assistance from parent helpers. At home, parents will let their child teach them how to play, and will PLAY! (and thus teach) chess with their young chessmaster.

COST: Club itself: Free. Basic Skyline Chess Club costs are underwritten by the school and the PTO. Optional: Parents may want to invest in quality chess software. Tournaments charge an entry fee.

DECIDE - COMMIT - SUCCEED: Learning chess can be viewed as similar to learning a musical instrument. Students need to practice to improve, and will be given chess exercises and puzzles to do at home to encourage learning and chess play. Parents enable the club to happen. Encourage chess play at home, enjoy the chess parties (tourneys) with your child, and if possible assist at club.

TO SIGN UP: Fill out and return the form below to the Skyline office no later than 1:00pm Wednesday, November 21. Club is limited to the first 36 applicants. Contact Coach Kaech with questions at kaech@verizon.net or 384-2792 .

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SKYLINE CHESS CLUB 2007 / 2008 -- ENROLLMENT and SURVEY

Student Name _____ **Grade (circle one):** K 1 2 3 4 5 6

Experience : Start me in the "Learn To Play Chess" track for beginning chessplayers Start me in the "Confident Chessplayer" track (am prepared to immediately play in a small tournament)

Tech/Study : Will invest \$29 in *Fritz & Chesster 2* (or 3) software Will invest \$7 in *Maurice Ashley Teaches Chess* software We have internet access, my child can take the online ChessKIDS Academy classes (free) For Confident Chessplayers: Will invest \$9 in *Chess Kid's Book of Tactics* I prefer my child use primarily the handouts provided by the club We already own these chess books/software (list on back)

Notation: Student currently can cannot record chess moves with chess notation.

Parent Name _____ **Phone(s)** _____

Email Address (please print clearly) _____