

Spring Break Chess Camp at North Austin Mathnasium

March 15–19, 2010

Featuring Certified USCF Master Instruction

Advanced technology! Spring Break Chess Camp will employ a digital computer projection system which effectively enables rapid analysis and review when compared to using only manual demonstration boards. For five exciting days, students are immersed in a fun yet structured hybrid chess learning environment. *One low price for one great interactive learning experience!*

- Interactive hybrid chess instruction
- Beginning and Advanced grouping
- Individual and team competitions
- Light exercise breaks (yoga/tai chi/stretching)
- **Friday — Tournament of Champions!**
- **All participants receive a t-shirt and award!**

Submit registration via mail or drop-off at North Austin Mathnasium
(MasterCard® and VISA® accepted at the Mathnasium center only)

Location: Mathnasium Center
10401 Anderson Mill Rd
Austin, TX 78750

Directions: Off of 183 – exit Anderson Mill Rd.
and head west about 1 mile to a
strip mall on the left at Olson Dr.
and Anderson Mill Rd.

Daily Drop-off is 8:30 – 9:00 AM
Lunchtime normally begins
between 12:15 and 12:45 PM
Pick-up is 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Registration: Spring Break Camp Fees
\$200 by February 28
\$220 by March 11

Late Registration: **\$240** after March 11 (*No
guarantee of placement!
Contact organizers by email
or phone.*)

Sig-up form(s) are available online at:
www.turbochess.com
or visit ... North Austin Mathnasium

For more information, please contact:
Mathnasium (512) 331-6284
northaustin@mathnasium.com
Paul Chaplin pc@turbochess.com
website ... www.turbochess.com

MARCH

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT/SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6/7
8	9	10	11	12	13/14
Spring Break Chess Camp Mar. 15-19					20/21
22	23	24	25	26	27/28
29	30	31			

**Coming this summer ...*

JUNE

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT/SUN
	1	2	3	4	5/6
Chess Camp #1 — June 7–11					12/13
14	15	16	17	18	19/20
21	22	23	24	25	26/27
28	29	30			

JULY

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT/SUN
			1	2	3/4
Chess Camp #2 — July 5–9					10/11
12	13	14	15	16	17/18
19	20	21	22	23	24/25
Chess Camp #3 - July 26–30					31/1

**Summer Chess Camp registration forms
will be posted on the website after the
Spring Break Chess Camp concludes.*

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REGISTRATION

Fees and Refunds ...

- Reservations will be established when all required camp fees (as listed in the chart below) and registration forms (signed where indicated) have been received.
- Late Registration: contact either by phone or in person is required.
- If a reservation is cancelled one week or more before the first day of camp, a refund of all but \$25 will be issued; no refunds will be issued after that.

Note: cancellations after the start of camp, based on medical or other emergencies, will be considered for appropriate (prorated) refunds based on the proper submission, in due time, of true and accurate evidentiary documentation.

There will be no refunds in the case of any disciplinary dismissals!

LUNCHES & SNACKS
Food and drinks are not provided at the Mathnasium center! Please plan for, prepare or provide your own lunches and snacks as needed. Water is the only drink offered and available at the site.

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Spring/Summer Chess Camps at Mathnasium – 2010		Fees
If received by...	<i>February 28, 2010</i>	\$200
If received by...	<i>March 11, 2010</i>	\$220
Late registration ⁺	<i>Contact organizers if after above dates</i>	\$240

⁺ *Direct contact either by phone or in person is required for late registration, so sign up early to avoid the hassle!*

Registration Form

All fields with an asterisk () are required information*

*LAST NAME: _____ *FIRST NAME: _____

*AGE: ____ (**Age 7–17 ... otherwise, organizer approval, per the Rules Agreement Form, is necessary**)

*SCHOOL: _____ *GRADE: ____

*PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN NAME: _____

*HOME or WORK PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

*OTHER PARENT / GUARDIAN / CONTACT: _____

*HOME or WORK PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

*EMAIL: _____ EMAIL #2: _____

Make checks payable to: North Austin Mathnasium

Please send all completed and signed camp forms along with check to:

North Austin Mathnasium
10401 Anderson Mill Rd., #109A
Austin, TX 78750

Or ... visit North Austin Mathnasium (and pay by check, MasterCard[®] or VISA[®])

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Medical & Emergency Services Release Forms

Medical Release

The camp will attempt to accommodate special needs participants. However, resources are not unlimited, so such accommodations, though desirable, may not be possible. This is also true of dealing with specific dietary allergies, e.g., exposure to foodstuffs including peanuts or peanut derivatives. If the prospective participant is considered to have special needs, or has significant allergies or other medical/dietary needs, these particulars must be disclosed and discussed before a reservation is accepted. This is for the benefit of the child, the other participants, and the staff members and volunteers at Mathnasium.

Please disclose all special medical, dietary and other concerns of the registrant in the space provided. This information will be reviewed and, if necessary, discussed with you prior to the acceptance of the reservation.

Emergency Services

I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of the registrant minor, agree to allow Mathnasium staff, chess camp instructors and volunteers, to take what actions are deemed appropriate in emergency situations involving said minor, including the alerting of Emergency Medical Services (EMS). I also accept full financial responsibility for any and all charges for emergency services and for subsequent and consequent care.

I do hereby agree to release, discharge, and hold harmless Mathnasium, the camp staff, instructors, and volunteers of and from all liabilities, damages, claims, or demands whatsoever on account of any injury or accident involving the said minor arising out of the minor's attendance of the chess camp at North Austin Mathnasium or in the course of activities held during the camp. I have read, understand and fully accept the policies set forth by North Austin Mathnasium.

Name (please print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Photography and Name Release Form

I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of the registrant minor, agree to allow Mathnasium staff and chess camp instructors to use said minor's name and/or image for advertising, news and awards purposes.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Rules Agreement Form

Disciplinary Policy

The primary goal of this camp is to provide chess instruction and competitive experiences to all the participants. If one or more participants interfere significantly with this process, then it is deemed as detrimental to the group as a whole and will not be tolerated. We have developed a number of skills to guide occasional and insignificant offenders back into the process, but we are not equipped, nor required by circumstances, to deal with continued and repeated disruptions, and certainly not *any* involving bodily injury to anyone present, or physical damage to the premises or any of its contents.

Parents should be aware that these chess camps are not suitable for all children. These chess camps are not suitable at all for horsing around or making noise. For this reason, we do not accept children under the age of 7 unless they are highly recommended by one of the local chess teachers for being serious and focused chess students.

A special note for beginners: Registrants who have no tournament experience should be able to pass an entrance exam to qualify for the chess camp. The registrant should understand all the basic piece and pawn move rules, and to some lesser degree, the 'special moves' – castling, pawn promotion, and *en passant* captures. It is also highly beneficial to be able to read and speak chess through algebraic notation.

If you believe your child may be unable to pass such an exam at this point, there are many resources in a variety of media that offer such instruction. We will be happy to advise you in these matters if you ask. *Note: A few private lessons (focusing on move rules and notation) prior to the chess camp will also help bring the beginner up to speed.*

Knowing this, the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) responsible for registering the participant should consider whether or not the basic camp regimen, including but not limited to group study, exercise, discussion and competition, fits the minor's personality and expectations.

I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of the subject minor, agree to allow Mathnasium staff, chess camp instructors, and volunteers, to use appropriate disciplinary measures in dealing with said minor. Appropriate measures refer to, upon ...

- First offense – a behavioral warning will be issued to the minor.
- Second offense – direct discussion with the undersigned parent/guardian (and/or other provided contact).
- Third offense – dismissal of the minor from the camp, to be facilitated by the prompt removal of the minor from the premises by the undersigned.
- ANY significant acts of physical or emotional aggression to others, or acts causing property damage, may result in the participant's *immediate* dismissal and prompt removal by the undersigned.

Note: There will be no refunds in the case of any disciplinary dismissals!

Signature _____ Date _____

Placement Questionnaire (note: this is not an entrance exam)

General chess knowledge ...	A Lot	A Little	None	Reads and writes chess notation?	Y	N
Has received some chess instruction by a coach, mentor or other trainer?	A Lot	A Little	None	Plays at their school chess club?	Y	N
Knows something about chess etiquette and competitive rules?	A Lot	A Little	None	Plays at home with family member(s)?	Y	N
Knows the three special moves: <i>castling</i> , <i>en passant</i> and <i>pawn promotion</i> ?	All	Some	None	Uses software and/or books to improve chess skills?	Y	N
Has played in competitive scholastic tournaments?	A Lot	A Few	None	Plays at or visits online chess sites?	Y	N