

# 2024 Summer Chess Camps

Hosted by **Cedar Park Mathnasium**

June 3–7	June 17–21	July 8–12	July 22–26	August 5–9
<sup>1</sup> Wild Openings!	<sup>2</sup> Check & Mate!	<sup>3</sup> Brilliances & Howlers!	<sup>4</sup> World Class Chess!	<sup>5</sup> Fantastic Finales!

Summer Chess Camps at Mathnasium feature five exciting days of an immersive, interactive chess environment. Each camp includes a unique fun-filled featurette (see listings below). Chess Camps hosted by Mathnasium are engaging and fun! Sign up early for lowest fees! Limited attendance... first come first served!

## Featuring Certified USCF National Master Paul Chaplin

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

**June 3–7 ..... Camp (<sup>1</sup> Wild Openings!)**

**\$250 Early Registration!...** (If received by April 30)

\$275 \*if received by June 1

**June 17–21 ..... Camp (<sup>2</sup> Check & Mate!)**

**\$250 Early Registration!...** (If received by April 30)

\$275 \*if received by June 15

**July 8–12 ..... Camp (<sup>3</sup> Brilliances & Howlers!)**

**\$250 Early Registration!...** (If received by April 30)

\$275 \*if received by July 6

**July 22–26..... Camp (<sup>4</sup> World Class Chess!)**

**\$250 Early Registration!...** (If received by April 30)

\$275 \*if received by July 20

**August 5–9 ..... Camp (<sup>5</sup> Fantastic Finales!)**

**\$250 Early Registration!...** (If received by April 30)

\$275 \*if received by August 3

**An online Zelle transfer is the preferred fee payment option . . .**

Call (512) 869-6284 or Visit Cedar Park Mathnasium to pay by Zelle, check or cash

If mailing registration forms and paying by check, make payable to: Math Made Simple LLC

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

Cedar Park Mathnasium  
13010 W Parmer Lane, Ste #100  
Cedar Park, TX 78613  
(512) 869-6284  
greg.pratt@mathnasium.com

Visit [summerchess.com](http://summerchess.com) to register online

### Daily Schedule

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Drop-off is 7:30–8:00 AM

Camp begins at 8:00 AM

Lunchtime begins around 11:30 AM

Pick-up is 3:00 PM

## REGISTRATION FORM

### Fees and Refunds ...

Reservations will be established when all required camp fees (as listed below) and registration forms (signed where indicated) have been received. Cedar Park Mathnasium and chess camp instructors reserve the right to limit attendance and/or cancel chess camps and refund registration fees without notice.

Late Registration: contact by phone or in person is required. Late camp fee is \$300, but entry is not guaranteed!

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!

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

++ Daily instruction and events — tournaments, matches, and other competitions — begin at 8:00 a.m.

**Lunches and Snacks** - Food and drinks are not provided at Mathnasium! Please plan for, prepare or provide your own lunches and snacks as needed. Water is the only drink offered and available at the site.

Health Safety Protocols: the CDC, state, and city summer camp recommendations will be our guidance.

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## 2024 Summer Chess Camps - Cedar Park Mathnasium Registration Form

**FILLABLE PDF FORM.....All fields and selection boxes with an asterisk (\*) are required information!**  
(Ages 7–17 ... otherwise, organizer approval per the Rules Agreement Form is necessary)

\* **Select Camp:**

- June 3–7 (Wild Openings!)**
- June 17–21 (Check and Mate!)**
- July 8–12 (Brilliances and Howlers!)**
- July 22–26 (World Class Chess!)**
- August 5–9 (Fantastic Finales!)**

\* Last Name:

\* First Name:

\* Age:

USCF Rating:

First Name (Sibling):

Age:

USCF Rating:

\* Parent / Legal Guardian Name:

\* Home or Work Phone:

\* Other Parent / Guardian / Contact:

\* Alternate Phone:

\*Email #1:

Email #2:

## Rules Agreement / Emergency Services & Consent Forms

### Disciplinary Policy

The primary goal of the 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. Special note for beginners: registrants who have no tournament experience should understand all the basic move rules. It is also suggested they be able to read and speak algebraic chess notation. Students should expect a "total immersion" chess experience and to gain knowledge with respect to their abilities and maturity.

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 Cedar Park 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 removals!**

### 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 Mathnasium or in the course of activities held during the camp. I have read, understand and fully accept the policies set forth by Mathnasium.

**Required Signature**

**Date**

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### Video, Image and Name Release Form

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

**Required Signature**

**Date**

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**Chess Knowledge Questionnaire**  
(Optional but helpful!)

Select... V

General chess knowledge.....  
Has received some chess instruction by a coach, mentor or other trainer?.....  
Knows something about chess etiquette and competitive rules?.....  
Has played in competitive scholastic tournaments?.....  
Knows the three special moves: castling, en passant and pawn promotion?.....  
Reads and writes chess notation?.....  
Plays at their school chess club?.....  
Plays at home with family member(s)?.....  
Uses software and/or books to improve chess skills?.....  
Plays at or visits online chess sites?.....

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<sup>1</sup> *Wild Openings – Traps, Plots and Pitfalls! Expect the unexpected! Learn how to set up — and avoid falling for(!) — quick tactical zingers! Play knockout moves like the greats — from Wilhelm Steinitz to Magnus Carlsen!*

<sup>2</sup> *Check and Mate! – The ultimate goal of the game is pursued with the replay and analysis of mesmerizing attacks conjured up by the greatest masters of today and of the past. Students add crushing mating nets, calculated king hunts and other game-ending attacks to their skills.*

<sup>3</sup> *Brilliances and Howlers! – Chess to excite! The most awesome games that dazzle and entertain us... yet others leave us confounded and shaking our heads! Students experience the best and the worst from crowd favorites like Morphy, Alekhine, Tal and Fischer, to modern stars such as Nakamura, Firouza and Rapport.*

<sup>4</sup> *World Class Chess! – The phenomenal games of historic titans and current digital-era maestros will be examined to enlighten and inspire the student. Style and game selections from 150 years of world class players will be inspected and compared: Anderssen, Morphy (1800s), Lasker, Alekhine, Botvinnik, Tal, Fischer and Kasparov (1900s) to 21st century champions like Anand and Carlsen.*

<sup>5</sup> *Fantastic Finales! – Game ending crescendos and on-point techniques are investigated. Middlegames and endgames are served up with clarity to recall a famous Lasker quote, “The hardest game to win is a won game.”*