



Chess Club Registration 2009-2010

Chess Club is about to begin another exciting year at West Mercer. We welcome all skill levels from beginning to expert.

Space is limited and registration will be handled on a "First Come, First Serve" basis.

Please contact Cindy Goetzmann at cindyandgordon@msn.com (206-937-6555) or Veronica Golden at veronicameg@yahoo.com (206-953-5783), if you have any questions.

General Information

Chess Club is open to all West Mercer students in grades K - 5. We will meet every Monday from 2:00-3:00 p.m. for 24 sessions beginning September 28th and ending on April 19th (excluding November 23, December 21, 28, January 18, February 15, March 29). There will be an end of year chess party on April 26th.

The club is open to students of all skill levels and we have excellent instructors for each group. Each session includes instruction time as well as practice time when the students can try out the new skills they have learned.

Curriculum and coaches provided by Chess4life. Chess4Life instructors work closely under the guidance of National Chess Master Elliott Neff. All instructors follow the coaching methods that were developed by Elliott over the past 17 years in training multiple students and teams to both state and national titles (including the 2009 National Elementary K-5 Championship Team). For more information see Chess4life.com.

The West Mercer Chess Club is also very active in scholastic chess tournaments and offers many optional opportunities for the Chess Club members to participate on the weekends (many tournaments listed at www.chess4life.com or www.nwchess.com.) The State Championships will be in Tacoma this year.

Adult Volunteers

Each Chess Club member will be required to have one adult from his or her household volunteer 2-3 times per year at chess club sessions. If you do not wish to volunteer, you can pay an additional \$30 fee.

Volunteers must be prepared to work from 1:50-3:30 p.m. on their assigned dates. Siblings who are not chess club members will not be allowed to attend. Volunteers do not need any knowledge of how to play or teach chess, but will be assisting with check-in, set-up of materials, supervision of students, clean up, and checkout. Alternative volunteer activities such as helping with phone calls, nametags, parties, and tournaments will also be available. Fill out information about your volunteer preferences when registering and a volunteer coordinator will contact you with your assigned dates or activities.

Fees

The fee for Chess Club will be \$295/student/year, which will include up to 24 sessions of instruction, a t-shirt, occasional newsletters, a free chess set for club members who do not have one for use at home, and the use of the club equipment. Fees must be paid with the completed registration form before we will hold a place for your child in the chess club. (Note that the modest increase in chess club fees is due to the expansion of chess instruction from 20 sessions (last year) to 24 sessions.)

Some dates to remember

Fri., Sept. 18 th	Registration Deadline, first come-first served
Mon., Sept. 28 th	First Meeting of Chess Club.
Mon. April 19 th	Last Meeting of Chess Club
Mon. April 26 th	End of Year Party

Some of the Reasons to Join Chess Club

Chess develops memory, logical thinking, imagination, creativity, and problem solving skills. Chess improves concentration, math thinking skills, school work, and grades.

Chess is a life-long game, can introduce new friends, is challenging, and chess is fun!
SIGN UP TODAY!

West Mercer Chess Club Registration Form

Student's Name _____

Age _____ Grade _____ Date of Birth _____

Male _____ Female _____

Parents/Guardian Names _____

Email(s) _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone(s) _____

Chess Rating (if known) _____ # of years playing chess _____

Estimated Chess Ability (beginner, intermediate, etc) _____

I am willing to be a parent volunteer the following 2 dates: Sept 28, Oct 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov 2, 9, 16, 30, Dec 7, 14, Jan 4, 11, 25, Feb 1, 8, 22, Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, Apr 5, 12, 19. (please circle preferred dates)
Otherwise you may pay an additional \$30.

- Tuition for WM Chess Club \$295.00
- Free chess set (only for players who do not have a set at home)
(For extra sets add \$20 for chess set/board/vinyl carrying bag)
- Optional fee for not volunteering \$30.00

Total enclosed:

Please indicate your child's t-shirt size: Youth S, M, L Adult S, M, L.

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To register, mail form and check (payable to WME PTA) to:
Cindy Goetzmann, 9207 SE 33rd Street, Mercer Island, WA 98040

Photo Release: You have my permission to use photos of my child on Chess4Life and/or West Mercer Elementary publicity (i.e. flyers and posters). Yes No