

REDMOND ELEMENTARY CHESS CLUB

2009-2010



We are offering a PTSA-sponsored school chess club at Redmond Elementary, from October 2009 through April 2010, which will allow kids to experience the learning and competition of chess. Every Redmond Elementary student is invited!

If we get a minimum of 30 kids, **we will divide into 2 classes** – beginner/intermediate in one class and advanced students in a second class. The advanced class is for players with NWSRS ratings of **700 and above** – they will get harder material and more tournament preparation drills. The beginner class is for players who are new to chess or who are unrated or with ratings below 700. Kids may be promoted to the advanced class during the year. We may open up the advanced class to players outside Redmond Elementary if we have the space. Maximum is 60 kids, if we get more than 60 we will take kids first by chess rating, and then limit attendance to first come, first served. Look up ratings at whsca.org/ratings.html.

David Hendricks is returning as the advanced chess coach. Coach Hendricks has been coaching elementary chess clubs for 11 years. Last year, he coached 8 elementary school chess clubs, including a team that took 1st in the nation 3 times and 1st in Washington state. He is the Scholastic Director for the Washington Chess Federation, and was the Director of the Microsoft Chess Club. He plays regularly in Washington and National Chess tournaments, coaches many private chess students, and runs summer chess and sports camps. He is an electrical and software engineer and designed computer hardware and software for Microsoft and Hewlett Packard companies.

Meeting Time: Wednesdays (early out day): Beginner/Intermediate class from 2:15pm to 3:30pm, Advanced class from 3:45pm to 5:00pm (1 hour 15 minutes). Please pick up your child promptly after class as there will be no adult supervision after 5:00 p.m.

Location: Redmond Elementary Music Room

Duration: 1st meeting is first week in October 2009. Last meeting is last week in April 2010. We follow the Lake Washington District calendar - no club during days when there is no school (**24 sessions:** Oct 7, 14, 21, 28; Nov 4, 18; Dec 2, 9, 16; Jan 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb 3, 10, (not 17), 24; Mar 3, 10, 17, 24; Apr 7, 14, 21, 28).

Tournaments: Tournament participation is optional but encouraged for those that are ready. We will target one Saturday tournament per month Nov - Apr in the greater Seattle area to test our skills. We need a good turnout to tournaments to win team trophies. Coach David will attend to review games and coach the kids.

Website: We will be using the **ChessMagnetSchool.com** website again this year. This serves as our textbook, provides homework drills, and tracks individual results. Students should plan to do 2 hours of chess homework per week (it's fun!) using the web site from home, or from any computer connected to the internet.

Cost: \$270 per student for the full year - this is only \$11.25 per week. This includes 24 chess club sessions, the license fee for the chess website, all the chess equipment and supplies needed, handouts, in-class trophies and medals, and the coach's attendance at one Sat tournament per month. **Sibling discount – subtract \$40** for a second or third sibling in same family! **Kindergartners:** to be ready for chess your child needs to do simple math and some reading and writing. If you are not sure if your child is ready, we are offering a **4 week trial for \$37** (for Kindergartners only – does not count toward the minimum). After 4 weeks we can decide together whether to continue for the rest of the year (subtract \$37 from full year tuition). Not included: tournament registration fees (about \$15 per tournament) or T-shirt (\$14—order on the Registration Form).

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2009-2010 Registration Form

Student's First Name: _____ Student's Last Name: _____ Grade: _____

Which Class? Beginner/Intermediate Advanced (Rating: _____)

Sibling's First Name: _____ Sibling's Last Name: _____ Grade: _____

Which Class? Beginner/Intermediate Advanced (Rating: _____)

Sibling's First Name: _____ Sibling's Last Name: _____ Grade: _____

Which Class? Beginner/Intermediate Advanced (Rating: _____)

Parent(s) _____

Address _____

Phones: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email: _____

(Most chess club information will be sent by email, so an email address is a must.)

T-Shirt(s)? (\$14 per shirt, circle size(s)): YS YM YL YXL S M L XL XXL

We need 1 parent volunteer each week for each class in order to run the chess club. Please plan to volunteer two times during the year. No chess knowledge needed – you will be monitoring kids and helping run the club. Circle all the dates that you can volunteer and you will be contacted later with a schedule:

2009: Oct 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov 4, 18, Dec 2, 9, 16

2010: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb 3, 10, 24, Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, Apr 7, 14, 21, 28

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

1. Fill out the registration form.
2. Write a check payable to "Redmond Elementary PTSA" for \$270. For 2 siblings: \$500, for 3 siblings: \$730, for Kindergartners: \$37 for the 4 week trial. Please add \$14 per T-shirt.
3. Deliver registration form and check to the PTSA mailbox in the School Office.
4. If the minimum number of students is not reached, your funds will be returned in full.

I authorize my child(ren) to access the ChessMagnetSchool.com website. I can volunteer for at least 2 sessions during the year – no chess knowledge needed. **I understand there is no refund after chess club begins.**

Parent/Guardian Signature x _____

IMPORTANT: Registration must be received by Tuesday, October 6. Contact us if you cannot meet this deadline:

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