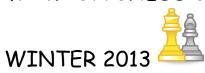
MARK TWAIN CHESS CLUB



Join the Mark Twain Chess Club! We are teaming up with Chess4Life to offer a fun and instructional chess club for all levels. We are now accepting registration for the Winter Session which runs for 10 weeks from January 11 to April 5, 2013. Students in grades K through 5 are invited to join the club.

Classes are tailored to the skill-level of the students. In addition to learning the basic rules of chess, our classes include lessons on fundamental opening principles, middlegame tactics and strategy, as well as basic endgame technique. Coaches also work with students in other areas like visualization, preparing for tournament competition, board habits, and much more.

Benefits:

Chess has shown to increase math skills, concentration, memory, and self-confidence.

Coach: Michael Hosford

Michael is the Chess4Life Redmond Regional Manager. He has 15 years of experience running after-school chess programs and over 20 years of experience playing rated tournament chess. Michael has coached teams to State and National titles since the year 2000. He helped teams win the WA State Elementary Chess Championship title in 2003 and 2008. He attended and coached at the National Elementary Chess Championships 2002, 2004, 2005, 2010. He has assisted with curriculum development for the Chess Magnet School website and has been a full-time chess instructor with Chess4Life since 2008. All Chess4Life instructors have worked closely under the guidance of National Master Elliott Neff. The instructors follow the coaching methods that were developed by Elliott over the past 20 years in training students and teams to both state and national titles.

Tuition:

\$125 (10% discount for siblings)

Meeting Times: Fridays from 3:00 pm to 4:15pm (1 hour 15 minutes) in the Library. Based on the skill level of the students and the number of registrations, we may split the class into an advanced section and a beginner section. The advanced section will learn tournament preparation drills.

Enrollment: All levels of ability are accepted, beginners to advanced. We would like to have a minimum of 15 kids to run the club. If we can't get the minimum enrollment, chess club may be cancelled.

Dates: We follow the Lake Washington District calendar – there is no chess club on days when there is no school on Friday afternoon. The Winter session dates are: January 11, 18, 25, February 8, 22, March 1, 8, 22, 29, April 5.

Tournaments: Tournament participation is optional but encouraged for those who are ready. There will be some fun beginner tournaments in the winter and spring. Tournaments usually run on Saturdays from 8:30am to 4:00pm. There are 5 games, each 1 hour long and kids play all 5 games win or lose. The State Championship is at the end of April - players need 3 out of 5 wins in any tournament to qualify for state. Not included: tournament registration fees (about \$18 per tournament), and T- shirts for tournaments.



MARK TWAIN CHESS CLUB

Winter 2013 Registration Form

Student's First Name	Student's Last Name	Grade
Sibling's First Name	Sibling's Last Name	Grade
Parent(s)		
Address		
Phones: Home	Work	Cell
Emails:		
1. Fill out the registre 2. Write a check for 3. Deliver registratio 4. If the minimum nu		ce. ur money will be returned.
class. Be prepared to as ☐ I understand there is ☐ I agree to volunteer f ☐ January 11, 18, 25,	fety of our students, one PTSA Pare sist with one class per session. Ple no refund after class begins. or at least one class. Circle 1 date y February 8, 22, March 1, 8, 22, 29, e-mail you a reminder about your vo	ase acknowledge (√) below: you are available to volunteer: April 5. Please make a note of
Parent/Guardian Signatu	re x	
	nust be received by January 11th. If you	

Chess Coach Michael Hosford Phone: 425-497-2121

Email: redmond@chess4life.com

Chess Club Coordinators

Carolyn Kerr 425-698-9334 <u>carolynjkerr@gmail.com</u> Elizabeth Reese 425-785-5645

eliree@hotmail.com