

MARK TWAIN CHESS CLUB 2013-2014

This year Mark Twain School is teaming up with Chess4Life to offer a fun instructional chess club! The club will be offered in **three sessions: Fall (Oct 4 – Dec 20, 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 study has shown to increase math skills, concentration, memory, and self-confidence.

Coach: Michael Hosford

Chess4Life Redmond Regional Manager

15 years experience running after-school chess programs.

Over 20 years experience playing rated tournament chess.

Coached teams to State and National titles since the year 2000.

Helped teams win the WA State Elementary Chess Championship title in 2003 and 2008.

Attended and coached at the National Elementary Chess Championships 2002, 2004, 2005, 2010.

Assisted with curriculum development for the Chess Magnet School website.

Full-time chess instructor with Chess4Life since 2008.

Currently manages the new Redmond Chess4Life Center

Chess4Life instructors have worked closely under the guidance of National Master Elliott Neff. All 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

\$142 (for the full 10 week session)

10% discount for siblings (\$128.00)

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 need a **minimum of 15 kids** to run the club – if we can't get the minimum, chess club may be cancelled.

Dates: We follow the Lake Washington District calendar - no club during days when there is no Friday afternoon school. **The fall session runs for 10 weeks – October 4, October 11, (no class Oct 18), 25, November 1, 8, 15, 22, December 6, 13, 20**

Tournaments: Tournament participation is optional but encouraged for those who are ready. We will target one tournament per month Nov - Apr in the greater Seattle area to test our skills against other schools. Tournaments usually run on Saturdays from 8:30am to 4:00pm – there are 5 games, each 1 hour long – 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
2013-2014 Registration Form

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

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

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

Parent(s) _____

Address _____

Phones: Home _____ **Work** _____ **Cell** _____

Email _____

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

Emergency contact – Name _____ **Phone** _____

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

1. Fill out the registration form.
2. Write a check for **\$142** payable to **Twain PTSA**. (Checks returned NSF are subject to a \$20 fee.)
3. Deliver registration form and check to the School Office.
4. If the minimum number of students is not reached your money will be returned.
5. Joining after class has started? \$14/session * remaining sessions + a flat \$2.

In order to ensure the safety of our students, one PTSA Parent Volunteer is required per class. Be prepared to assist with one class per session. Please acknowledge (√) below:

- I understand that in order for my child(ren) to participate in the after school chess program. I must be a PTSA member with a current background check. This applies to other family members such as grandparents, aunts, uncles or siblings over 18 years, etc.
- I understand there is no refund after class begins, unless initiated by PTSA.
- I agree to volunteer for at least 1 class per session.
- Important: **Circle 1 date you are available to volunteer: October 4, 11, 25, November 1, 8, 15, 22, December 6, 13, 20** Please make a note of these dates . We will also e-mail you a reminder about your volunteer dates.

Parent/Guardian Signature x _____

By signing, you agree to hold Mark Twain PTSA or Chess4Life harmless and that you understand the policies stated above.

IMPORTANT: Registration must be received by October 4. If you are unable to meet this deadline, then please contact the Chess Club Coordinator to make special arrangements.

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Chess Club Coordinator

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