

MARK TWAIN CHESS CLUB

WINTER 2013

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.



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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: _____

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

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

1. Fill out the registration form.
2. Write a check for **\$125** payable to [Twain PTSA](#).
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? \$12.50 * remaining sessions.

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 there is no refund after class begins.
- I agree to volunteer for at least one class. **Circle 1 date you are available to volunteer: January 11, 18, 25, February 8, 22, March 1, 8, 22, 29, April 5.** Please make a note of these dates. We will e-mail you a reminder about your volunteer dates.

Parent/Guardian Signature x _____

IMPORTANT: Registration must be received by January 11th. If you are unable to meet this deadline, then please contact the Chess Club Coordinators to make special arrangements.

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