



CHESS CLUB

Valley Christian School

Sign up for Winter 2025 ~ Grades 2 - 8



SCHEDULE: After School on Tuesdays: 3:30 – 4:30 pm
8 Weeks schedule: Jan 14, 21, 28 Feb 4, 11, 25 Mar 4, 11

Professional Chess Coach Les Nichalson provides lectures, videos, and exercises, then facilitates tournament play. Students compete for club tournament awards. The chess club also competes against other clubs in regional tournaments held on Saturdays. Qualifying students are encouraged to enter the WA State Elementary Chess Championship April 26, 2025, Tacoma, WA. See event schedule: www.inlandchess.org

TUITION ~ \$70 for 8 weeks. Each session is one hour. **Registration form below.**

Tuition provides: **A.** coaching fees, **B.** coaching supplies, **C.** end of semester awards, **D.** insurance, coach development, and administration costs. Note: Inland Chess Academy does not contact children directly by phone, text, or email.

Parents are encouraged to attend chess club to learn and play (free of charge).

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REGISTRATION Valley Christian School Chess Club ~ Winter 2025

Student's name: _____ Grade _____ New to Chess Club? _____

2nd Student's name: _____ Grade _____ New to Chess Club? _____

Chess Skill: ___ Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced Played in tournament? ___Yes ___No

Allergies and/or other issues: _____

IMPORTANT: As required by school and insurance policy, parents are required to pick up students on time and must sign the check-out registry. Coaches have other teaching obligations and must not be delayed. Non-parental pick-up must be confirmed in writing.

Parent: _____ Phone: _____ eMail: _____
 (or Guardian)

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Address: _____ City _____ WA ZIP _____

___ \$70 for 8 weeks. Installment payments are accepted. Scholarships are available.

___ \$12 **OPTIONAL** Tournament style chess set for study and play a home.

___ \$18 **OPTIONAL** Annual subscription to ChessKid.com

___ \$22 **OPTIONAL** Annual subscription to Chess Magnet School

Pay total: \$ _____ Make check payable to Inland Chess Academy. Leave check and registration form at school office, mail to Inland Chess Academy office, or bring them to first day of Chess Club.

Inland Chess Academy ~ Licensed, insured WA state non-profit, 501c3, educational organization.

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NOTICE to PARENTS: Scientific studies prove the study of chess enhances academic performance, increases overall brain functions, and builds positive behavior. In order for a student to experience the enormous benefits of chess, that student must study chess. Research shows that a minimum of 20 minutes of daily study is required to cross the benefit threshold. That is why Inland Chess Academy offers a subscription to Chess Magnet School as part of the tuition (\$30 value). Please support your children in using Chess Magnet School twenty minutes each day.

The Inland Chess Academy's curriculum is built on research proven methods developed by chess masters and educators, and recommended by the United States Chess Federation (USCF). These proven methods are used by all successful chess schools.

Beginner - Beginners learn and demonstrate the basics of chess play, chess rules, and etiquette.

Intermediate - Students learn algebraic notation, playing with a clock, an understanding of strategies for opening a chess game, major tactical techniques, and basic endgame theory.

Advanced - Students develop advanced competitive strategies including an opening repertoire, positional strategies, tactical combinations, endgame play, and methods of applying sport psychology to their games.

All students gain knowledge of chess history, chess news, and grow their appreciation of chess. Students are encouraged to play in regional and state tournaments for individual and team awards. *Tournament schedule: www.InlandChess.org*

The Inland Chess is building a vibrant chess community:

- ~ Regional tournaments for students and parents, twice monthly on Saturdays.
- ~ Camps on holidays, spring break, and during summer.
- ~ Tutoring and special interest study groups.

"Chess is the only activity for our youth where they are expected to sit quietly and think long thoughts." J Dill, Director ICA

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