



# CHESS CLUB

## McDonald Elementary

### Sign up for Spring 2024 ~ Grades 2-5



**SCHEDULE: Before School on Thursdays: 8:40 – 9:40 am**  
**6 Weeks: Apr 11, 18, 25 May 2, 9, 16**

**Professional Chess Coach Cecelia Valeriote** provides lectures 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. This is an optional activity. Students qualifying with 3 points on a Saturday Tournament are encouraged to enter the WA State Chess Scholastic Championship Tournament in May 4 2024 in Tri-Cities. *See tournament event schedule at: [www.inlandchess.org](http://www.inlandchess.org)*

**TUITION ~ \$45 for 6 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.

Installment payments are accepted and limited scholarships are available.

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

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## REGISTRATION McDonald Elementary Chess Club ~ Spring 2024

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 SPECIAL ISSUES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE:** The responsibility of the chess coach for student supervision will end at 9:40 am as students leave the chess room.

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ eMail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (or Guardian)

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ WA ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_ \$45 Chess club tuition for 6 weeks. Partial payments are accepted. Scholarships are available.
- \_\_\_ \$15 **OPTIONAL** Tournament style chess set for study and play a home.
- \_\_\_ \$18 **OPTIONAL** Annual subscription to [www.chesskid.com](http://www.chesskid.com) a child safe study and play website.
- \_\_\_ \$22 **OPTIONAL** Annual subscription to Chess Magnet School, a child safe study website.

Pay total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Make check payable to Inland Chess Academy. Leave registration and payment with school secretary, mail to Inland Chess Academy 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 research proves the study of chess enhances academic performance, increases overall brain functions, and builds positive behavior. In order for students to realize the enormous benefits of chess, daily study is required. The research shows that a minimum of 20 minutes of daily study yields significant academic and behavioral benefits. Inland Chess Academy offers two optional child-safe websites programs: Chess Magnet School and ChessKid, at discounted prices. Also available are home study workbooks. Please support chess study at home.

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).

**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](http://www.InlandChess.org)*

The Inland Chess Academy 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." JJ Dill II*

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