

15th Annual Prairie Chess Camp

Register online at
www.chessiniowa.org/2023chesscamp



July 10 – 14, 2023
Cedar Rapids, IA
8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Prairie Point Middle School
8015 Kirkwood Blvd SW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404



A 5-DAY CHESS EXPERIENCE FOR ALL KIDS!

For All Scholastic Chess Players Entering Grades 1– 12

The fee is \$290 for 5 Day Camp

Daily Transportation to/from Iowa City West High School for \$40/week
Price includes Lunch, Snacks, & Instructional Materials & ChessKid.com

Visit <http://www.chessiniowa.org/2023Camp> for registration details

For questions, contact James Hodina at james.hodina@chessiniowa.org

Whether you are an Iowa State Chess Champion or a beginning chess player, your experience will be personalized for you.

Chess Campers will meet together but are often divided into groups based on age and demonstrated ability to allow the instructors to work with the students at a targeted level.

DAILY SCHEDULE

8:00 am – 4:30 pm

7:30 am Early Drop Off

8:00 am Chess Warm-Up

8:00 am Small Group Lesson 1

9:00 am Small Group Lesson 2

10:00 am Snack and Outdoor Recess

10:30 am Small Group Lesson 3

11:30 am Lunch and Outdoor Recess

12:30 pm Thematic Tournament

2:00 pm Outdoor Recess

2:30 pm Snack

2:45 pm Review Tournament Games with
Instructors

4:30 pm Parent Pickup

5:00 pm CAMP CLOSES –

All students must be picked up

INSTRUCTORS

Four teaching rooms will each be led by one of our outstanding US Chess Instructors

IM Erik Santarius: Erik Santarius was awarded the title of International Master (IM) in 2018. He was the Wisconsin State Champion in 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2013. Erik's students consistently win awards in individual and team competitions.

Alex Betaneli: Alex was the Wisconsin State Champion in 2000, 2001, 2005, and 2012. He frequently writes for the most widely read American chess magazine Chess Life. Alex's students consistently win titles at both state and national levels.

Joseph Wan: Joseph achieved the National Master title in 2016. 2011 K-3 and 2014 K-6 National Champion; 2014 Nebraska State Champion, 2018 Iowa State Champion, as well as reigning Iowa Blitz Champion.

Gokul Thangavel: Gokul is a National Expert and was a longtime presence in Iowa Scholastic Chess. Gokul has had numerous top finishes in state and national events including 6th place in the 2017 US Open Blitz Championship.

A SPECIAL TRACK FOR BEGINNERS!

Students Grades 1 – 3



For students who want to learn chess for the first time

LEARN THE RULES (AND WE MEAN ALL THE RULES)

How the pieces move
When you can and cannot castle
Promoting a pawn
En passant

LEARN HOW TO CHECKMATE THE OPPONENT

Checkmate, don't stalemate
Checkmate with King & Queen versus the lone King
Checkmate with a King & Rook versus the lone King

LEARN BASIC OPENING STRATEGIES

Where the pieces go
Stopping the four move checkmate
Forming a plan

ENDGAMES

King and Pawn vs Pawn
King in the square
The passed pawn

PLAY GAMES AGAINST OTHER BEGINNERS

Learn chess notation
Review your games with the instructor