

Lincoln Chess Foundation K-12 Summer Chess Camp

July 27-31, 2026

At Boys Town National Headquarters

Join a fine cast of experienced teachers including special guest GM or IM for this summer's chess camp on July 27th-31st from 9AM-3PM daily at Boys Town National Headquarters here in Omaha at 14100 Crawford ST. This event will be open to players in K-12 of all skills and abilities and your entry will include a commemorative T-Shirt and lunches provided all five days at 11:30. Space is limited so once all slots are filled no more applicants will be accepted. No on-site/late registration.

Schedule:

Sessions M-F AM from 9:00-11:30, lunch 11:30-12:30 and PM sessions from 12:30-3:00 PM. Parents should drop their children off no sooner than 8:15 daily and should pick them up no later than 3:45 PM.

Students will be grouped based on rating and estimated chess ability but the director will consider requests to be placed in a different group depending upon age and student and parent requests. Space in the advanced group will be limited to players with significant chess skills and abilities. All groups will have a chance during the week to play against our GM or IM guest.

4 Groups of chess instruction being offered with recommendations based on rating:

Beginners-Players should at least know how the pieces move and how to set up the board and some basic knowledge of how to play the game. Suitable for players that are unrated or rated as high as 799.

Advanced Beginners-Players who are rated between 800 and 1200 and have played in rated tournaments. Players in this group have a basic knowledge of checkmates and how to play the game and hope to improve their rating in the future.

Intermediate-Players rated from 1201-1699 and are experienced in playing in Open tournaments as well as scholastic events. Players who have only played in RBOs should consider either the advanced beginner's group or this group if they want to take the next leap forward.

Advanced-Players in this group must be given or have a rating of at least 1700. They will be working extensively with our guest GM throughout the week. Space in this group is limited to no more than 10.

Fees: \$299.00 per person if by July 1st, 2026. \$325.00 after July 1st until all slots are filled.

How to Register: You can register online and pay by PayPal at www.kingregistration.com, or you can pay by check and mail or email me the registration form on the next page. My address is 14002 Frederick Cir, Omaha, NE 68138 and my email is gambiteer49@yahoo.com. There has not been a chess camp in Nebraska for at least 7 years, so the Lincoln Chess Foundation is hoping you'll help us make this camp highly fun and successful. All proceeds go to the Lincoln Chess Foundation which is a 501c3 tax exempt organization whose mission is support chess throughout Nebraska.

Use this form to register your child for the Lincoln Chess Foundation Summer Chess Camp from Monday July 27th-Friday July 31st. If you wish to register more than one child, please fill out separate forms for each child.

Name of Child participating _____

Grade just completed in school _____

Age of Child _____

USCF Rating if applicable _____

Mark an X in the group or section the child is registering for:

Beginner-Limited or only basic knowledge of chess. Beginners should minimally know the names of the pieces and how they move and their value in points. This group is open to unrated players with no tournament experience or to players with ratings below 800 (100-799).

Advanced Beginner-Players in this group should have a rating of at least 800-1200 and some tournament experience. They know how to find simple checkmates and combinations.

Intermediate-Players in this group should have ratings of at least 1000 but recommended for players rated from 1200-1600. They should have fairly extensive tournament experience. Older high school students who have lower ratings may register for this group if they feel comfortable being with older kids.

Advanced-Players in this group must be rated above 1700 or with special permission as space is limited to no more than 10. K-12 Students with A or Expert ratings will be given first consideration.

T-Shirt Size Please list your child's T-Shirt size for the complimentary camp t-shirt included in the entry fee

Food allergies: Does your child have food allergies that we need to be aware of Yes _____ or No _____ If yes, please list _____.

Cell phone policy: Cell phone use will not be permitted during the instructional time (9-11:30; 12:30-3:00). Students will be permitted to use their phones during lunch but will be expected to turn them off the rest of the time until the day ends at 3:00 PM.

Discipline: Please note that the teachers are there to teach your kids chess not to babysit or administer discipline as this is not a school but a chess camp. Unruly or disruptive students will be asked to leave and refunds will not be issued once the camp has started. We want this to be a fun experience and not one where children are ruining it for everyone else.

Lunches: Complimentary lunch is included each day with your fee, but children may bring a lunch if they prefer or parents can take their child to lunch if they wish although afternoon sessions start back up at 12:30.

Parent or Guardian Signature (By signing I acknowledge I have read the above policies regarding food allergies, cellphones, discipline, lunches and required drop off and pick up times for the camp:

Name of Parent Guardian _____ **Date** _____