



2019 Mason Chess Fest

Summer Camp and Tournament

Who?

Anyone who will be in grades 1 through 8 in 2019-20
EVERYONE WELCOME — not restricted to any particular school district

What?

Monday through Wednesday: three days of classes (*See other side for class descriptions. A rating range is suggested for intermediate and advanced classes, but players should use their best judgment.*)

- Beginner classes designed for brand new and novice players — providing instruction calibrated to the campers' skill level
- Intermediate and advanced classes designed to challenge more experienced players with focused instruction to help them improve their game — campers should come prepared and willing to work
- Teachers include Master Justin Storn, Mason High School coach Keith Brackenridge, Alan Hodge, and members of the Mason High School chess team

Thursday: tournament

- Beginner, intermediate and advanced sections; campers play only those in their own section
- Four rounds, half-hour games, everyone plays four games — trophies to everyone scoring 2.5 or more
- Tournament included in camp fee; open only to those who participate in the Monday–Wednesday camp
- Every camper earns a participation medal

When?

August 5–8, 2019 (Monday through Thursday)
9:00 am to noon each day

Where?

Heritage Presbyterian Church
6546 Mason-Montgomery Road, Mason, OH 45040
(*Just across Tylersville Road from Mason Middle School*)

How much?

Chess camp, including tournament: \$85 per person
(*Camp fee includes a snack on Monday through Wednesday*)



Enter online at www.chesscincinnati.com/fest.

Mail-in entry form also available at www.chesscincinnati.com/fest.

Questions: info@chesscincinnati.com or call/text Alan at 513-600-9915.

2019 MASON CHESS FEST CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

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| <p>Beginner 1 (1 class) <i>For those who are new to chess (no rating or ratings up to 200)</i></p> | <p>This class is for those who are just starting to learn the game of chess. It will cover all the rules of the game, different ways a game can end, and all the fundamental knowledge that you will need to play a proper game. Whether you have never played before, or have played a little bit, your road to chess success starts here.</p> |
| <p>Beginner 2 (1 or 2 classes*) <i>For those who know the rules (ratings 100—300)</i></p> | <p>If you already know the rules of the game and are ready to explore principles of good play, then you are ready for this class. Here you will learn about hanging pieces, safe squares, protecting pieces, defenses to check, the arithmetic of attacking and defending, smart opening play, and basic rook and queen checkmating techniques.</p> |
| <p>Intermediate (2 or 3 classes*) <i>For those who know beginning basics (ratings 200—500)</i></p> | <p>Each intermediate class will teach a variety of topics such as opening principles, essential pawn endgame techniques, pawn structure basics, fundamental tactics, positional analysis and decision making, and more advanced checkmating techniques. Class content will be tailored somewhat to each group so as to address particular questions or preferences of class participants. The objective is to improve campers' play in every phase of the game.</p> |
| <p>Advanced (1 or 2 classes*) <i>For those ready to take the next step (ratings 400—900)</i></p> | <p>This class is for advanced players who want a deeper understanding of opening principles. Most players know the fundamentals: center control, piece development, and king safety. But understanding these principles does not always equate to applying them in a game. In this class you will learn how to execute these ideas successfully and how to punish opponents who ignore them.</p> |

*The Chess Fest is designed for six classes. We have built into our schedule the flexibility to add a class at the Beginner 2, Intermediate or Advanced level as appropriate depending on how many campers register at each level. In order to optimize the experience of all campers, we are committed to limiting classes to either 16 or 12 participants.

Every class will include a break time, with a healthy snack provided, as well as time for free play so campers have an opportunity immediately to apply and practice their new chess knowledge.