

# Chess in the Antelope Valley



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***THERE'S SO MUCH NEWS ABOUT CHESS FOR KIDS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY THAT WE JUST COULDN'T WAIT UNTIL THE MAY 1 ISSUE OF THIS e-NEWSLETTER TO SHARE IT WITH YOU!***

The exciting chess opportunities coming up for kids include:

- a Saturday, March 29, K-8 Chess Mini-Game Tournament [See page 2]
- a Saturday, March 29, High School Full-Game Tournament (Grades 4-8 can “play up” and compete in this section) [See page 3]
- April Chess Matches for School Teams [See page 13]
- a Friday, 5:15-6:45, K-8 AV-wide Chess Club starting April 4 (High Schoolers can volunteer and play lots of chess!) [See page 4]
- a Saturday, May 3, K-8 Chess Spectacular Full-Game Tournament [See page 5]
- a Saturday, May 3, High School Tournament (Grades 4-8 can “play up” and compete in this section)
- a Saturday, April 5, unrated 3 round, non-elimination, full-game chess tourney being held at the Family Fun Fair @ the Children's Center of the AV [See page 7]
- Summer Chess Camps [See page 8 - 12]

***PLUS, WE HAVE A LOT OF PHOTO MONTAGES OF RECENT CHESS EVENTS THAT WE COULDN'T WAIT TO SHARE!***

- Parent & Tot Chess Time classes [See page 14]
- California K-3 Chess Champion Gives Simul @ AV Chess House! [See page 14]
- National Master Matt Mahowald takes his nephews to play chess in Paris [See page 15]
- School Team **Chess Matches** in February [See page 15] See page 13 to sign up your school team!

Tell us what you want to see in this e-newsletter and we'll do our best to make it happen! Just email your suggestions to [daa@mahowald.org](mailto:daa@mahowald.org) For more frequent updates of chess opportunities in the Antelope Valley, “like” Daa Mahowald on Facebook! To unsubscribe to this e-newsletter, email [daa@mahowald.org](mailto:daa@mahowald.org)

# Saturday, March 29 Chess Mini-Game<sup>®</sup> Tournament!



***Awesome way to learn to play (or get better at) chess!***

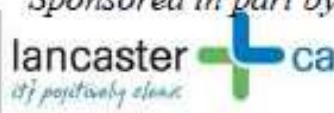
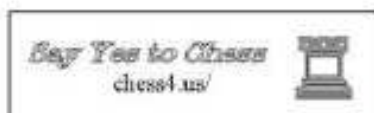
Whether you already know how to play chess or have never played before, these Chess Mini Games<sup>®</sup> are both challenging and fun.

Each family that stays for the entire event (and has not already received one) will receive a **FREE CHESS SET!** Trophies will be given out to winners. All participants will receive a free snack and a certificate.

## DETAILS

WHO	Grades K – 8 (Parents & family encouraged to attend)
WHERE	Stanley Kleiner Activity Center @ Lancaster City Park 43011 10th St. West, Lancaster (next to the YMCA)
WHEN	Saturday, March 29, 2014 8:20 a.m. Registration & Check-In 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Event 11 a.m. Free snack provided
COST	ALMOST FREE! Each child pays a \$5 Facilities Use Fee Parents welcome to observe and/or participate at no additional cost!
PRE-REGISTER:	City of Lancaster Parks, Recreation & Arts Department 44933 Fern Avenue Lancaster, CA 93534 (661) 723-6077

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# High School Chess

## Tournament Saturday, March 29



### DETAILS

- WHO** Grades 9 – 12
- WHAT** A non-elimination Chess Tournament for High School students.  
**WIN TROPHY & PRIZES!**
- WHERE** Stanley Kleiner Activity Center at Lancaster City Park  
43063 10th St. West, Lancaster (next to the YMCA)
- WHEN** Saturday, March 29, 2014  
8:20 a.m. Registration & Check-In  
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Event  
11 a.m. Free snack provided
- COST** ALMOST FREE! Each competitor pays a \$5 Facilities-Use fee.

For more information and Registration:

City of Lancaster Parks, Recreation & Arts Department  
44933 Fern Avenue  
Lancaster, CA 93534  
(661) 723-6077  
[www.cityoflanasterca.org](http://www.cityoflanasterca.org)



# Chess Club



**All chess equipment is supplied by the coach – just bring your brain and plan to have fun!**

**Who:** Open to all students grades K-8.  
Parents are welcome to observe and volunteer!  
*Coach Ms. Daa has been coaching chess clubs for almost 30 years.*

**What:** A fun and intellectually challenging club and team.

**When:** Fridays, 5:15-6:45 p.m.  
Spring 2014 Quarter: April 4 - June 27

**Where:** Prime Desert Woodland Preserve  
Elyze Clifford Interpretive Center  
43201 35th Street West (K-8 and 35<sup>th</sup> Street West)

**Why:**

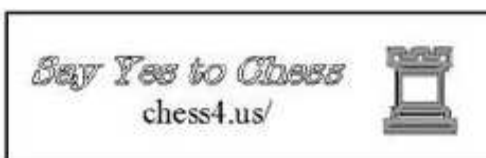
- To learn chess and/or to improve your chess skills.
- To compete for trophies and other awards.
- To challenge your mind, as well as your friends.
- To make new friends/hang out with old ones.
- To have FUN!

**Cost:** \$60 Lancaster Resident/ \$67 Non-Resident, per Quarter  
\*Each Chess Club Member's adult must volunteer at least once per Quarter.

**Register:** Lancaster City Hall, 44933 Fern Avenue  
[www.cityoflancasterca.org](http://www.cityoflancasterca.org)  
(661) 723-6077

**Want to know more? Visit us on Parent Information Night!**

Prime Desert Woodland Preserve: Friday, March 28, 2014 from 6-7:30 p.m.



**Saturday, May 3**  
**Chess Spectacular!**  
**Full Game, Non-Elimination Chess Tournament!**  
**1 in 3 Participants will earn a trophy!**

WHO	Grades K – 8 (Parents & family encouraged to attend.)
WHERE	Stanley Kleiner Activity Center @ Lancaster City Park 43011 10th St. West, Lancaster (next to the YMCA)
WHEN	Saturday, May 3, 2014 8:30 a.m. Registration & Check-In 9:00 a.m. Event Starts 11:00 a.m. <u>Free</u> snack provided 1-1:20 p.m. <b>Lunch (NOT provided). Bring a bag lunch since there will not be enough time to go out.</b> 3:00 pm: Event Ends
COST	ALMOST FREE! Each child pays a \$5 Facilities Use Fee Parents welcome to observe and/or participate at no additional cost!
PRE-REGISTER:	City of Lancaster Parks, Recreation & Arts Department 44933 Fern Avenue Lancaster, CA 93534 (661) 723-6077



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## AV CHESS OPPORTUNITIES

### FOR ALL AGES

**USCF-rated Monthly 4 RD SWISS Tournament** 10am – 3pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday-of-every-month USCF-rated, LOC *AV Chess House*. PZ 1st Place 50% of combined entry fee, 2nd Place 25% FEE \$10 if pd at least 10 days prior; \$15 if email registered 3 days prior, \$20 if email registered at least 1 hour prior. RDs 10:10; 11:20; 12:30; 2:00 USCF req. CONTACT: daa@mahowald.org

**Check Chess Club** 5-6:30pm Wednesdays. LOC *AV Chess House*, 3710 Neola Way (near 37<sup>th</sup> & West Ave. J) **FREE** club open to all ages and ability levels. Chess sets are provided – just drop in for a game or ten. No food allowed on the premises. Please park across the street from the building. Includes free small-group lessons. CONTACT: daa@mahowald.org

**Improve Your Chess Play with Private Lessons** Individual and small-group private chess lessons for Beginners, Beyond Beginners, and Intermediates of all ages. LOC *AV Chess House*. CONTACT: daa@mahowald.org

**Bring Chess to Your Client Base** Whether you work with seniors, preschoolers, families, special-needs populations, etc, *The AV Chess House* can provide a chess program tailored to your needs. CONTACT: daa@mahowald.org

**AV Checkmate Sunday Tournament** 2pm – 7pm 1<sup>st</sup> & 3rd Sundays. LOC *AV Chess House*, 3710 Neola Way, Lancaster. PZ TBA. REG at door. RDs TBA. USCF req. CONTACT: knightblitz@verizon.net 661-917-7628

**Get Your “Chess Match” USCF-rated** Only \$1/person/game. CONTACT: daa@mahowald.org

### FOR KIDS

**Kids Chess Club through Lancaster Parks & Rec** See page 4 for full details

**Unrated K-12 3 RD Chess Tournament** 10am – 1pm, April 5. LOC *Children’s Center of the AV Family Fair* 45111 Fern Ave Lancaster FEE \$7. PZ 1st Place \$15, 2nd Place \$10. RDs 10:15, 11:15, 12:15. CONTACT: daa@mahowald.org

**March 29 K-8 Chess Mini-Game Tournament** See page 2 for details

**March 29 High School Chess Tournament** Grades 4-8 can “play up” and compete in this section. See page 3 for details.

**May 3 K-8 Chess Spectacular** See page 5 for details

**May 3 K-8 High School Chess Tournament** See page X for details

**Summer Chess Camps!** See pages 8-12

**Have a Chess Match with Another School** Several Scholastic Chess Clubs in the Antelope Valley are eager to hold a Chess Match with other Scholastic Chess Clubs in the AV. If your school is looking for a Chess Match, CONTACT: daa@mahowald.org

**Boy Scout Chess Merit Badge** To earn a Boy Scout Chess Merit Badge or Cub Scout belt with Ms. Daa, CONTACT: daa@mahowald.org

**Start a Chess Club at Your Child’s School** Students who participate in a once-a-week Chess Club reap numerous benefits, especially improvement in math and reading skills. To learn how to start a CHESS CLUB, CONTACT: daa@mahowald.org

**Parent & Tot Chess Time Workshops** Free Chess Workshops for tots (by appointment, up to 2 free workshops per tot) at the *AV Chess House* CONTACT: daa@mahowald.org

# K-12 Unrated Chess Tournament!

The April, 2014, first-Saturday-of-every-month,

3-round, non-elimination, full-game, unrated Chess Tournament is being held at the Family Fun Fair @ the Children's Center of the Antelope Valley!

**WHO** Anyone in Grades K-8 may play!

**WHAT** 3-round, non-elimination, full-game, unrated Chess Tournament

**WHERE** Family Fun Fair @ the Children's Center of the Antelope Valley  
45111 Fern Ave., Lancaster (intersection of Fern & W. Jackman St.)

**WHEN** April 5. Check-In 10am. Rounds: 10:15, 11:15, 12:15.

**HOW** Email Register for the Unrated Chess Tournament: [daa@mahowald.org](mailto:daa@mahowald.org)

**COST** Entry into Family Fun Fair: free!  
Entry into Unrated Chess Tournament: \$7

The Children's Center of AV FAMILY FUN FAIR will be in this parking lot.

The Chess Activity (including the Unrated Tourney) will be HERE.

Be sure to let us know you'll be there!



## 04/05/2014 Family Fun Fair

**WHEN:** 10:00:00 AM to 1:00:00 PM

**WHERE:** 45111 Fern Ave. Lancaster, CA 93534

**DESCRIPTION:** Activities, music, food, entertainment, community resources and opportunity drawings included! The event is FREE so bring your friends and family!

**CONTACT:** Marina Carrillo 949-1206 ext 261 [mcarrillo@childrenscenterav.org](mailto:mcarrillo@childrenscenterav.org)

# Chess **SUMMER** **camps**

A wide variety of Summer Chess Camps are available in the Antelope Valley! Most are one-week, 4-hour-a-day-camps. All camps have lots of hands-on, fun, chess activities where campers learn at their own pace. A nutritious snack is provided at 11am.

**Chess Challenge for High Schoolers Grades 9-12 \$79/Camper**  
June 2-6, 9am – 1pm

**Girl Scouts & Brownies All Ages and Skill Levels \$79/Camper**  
June 16-20, 9am – 1pm

**Boy Scouts & Cubs All Ages and Skill Levels \$79/Camper**  
June 23-27, 9am – 1pm

**Strategies, Tactics, Openings, Tricks & Traps Ages 5-13 \$69/Camper**  
June 30- July 3 or July 21-24, 9am – 1pm

For those who have attended the *Intermediates* Chess Camp **OR** who have competed in at least one chess tournament

**Beginners & Beyond Beginners Ages 5-13 \$79/Camper**  
July 7-11, 9am – 1pm

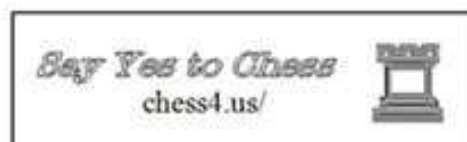
For those who are new to chess **OR** have just begun learning the game of chess

**Intermediates Ages 5-13 \$79/Camper**  
July 14-18, 9am – 1pm

For those who attended a *Beginners & Beyond Beginners* Chess Camp **OR** who are competent at checkmate

**Chess Camp tailored to Your Group or Organization's Needs**  
July 28 – August 1

For full details, contact Professional Chess Teacher Ms. Daa (pronounced day)  
Email: [daa@mahowald.org](mailto:daa@mahowald.org) or call 661-466-6907





# Summer Chess Challenge for High Schoolers!

WHO	Anyone in Grades 7-12
WHAT	A challenging and intense Chess Camp to improve chess skills – especially strategies, tactics, openings, tricks, and traps!
WHERE	AV Chess House (Off Ave J & 40 <sup>th</sup> St West) 3710 Neola Way, Lancaster, CA 93534
WHEN	9am – 1pm, June 2 <sup>nd</sup> – June 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2014 (Nutritious Snack provided at 11am each day)
WHY	This 4-day, 4 hour/day, High School Chess Camp was created at the request of several High Schoolers who wanted to improve their chess game as well as have several chess tournaments and matches!
MAX/MIN	No camp will accept more than 14 campers, and a camp will be canceled if less than 7 campers register.
COST	\$79/camper
PREREGISTRATION	Must be received at least 2 days prior to start of camp.
FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER	Email <a href="mailto:daa@mahowald.org">daa@mahowald.org</a>



# Girl Scout / Brownie



## Summer Chess Camp!



9am – 1pm, June 16 – 20, 2014

### DETAILS:

This one-week, 4-hour-a-day-camp is specially designed for Girl Scouts and Brownies who are Beginners or Beyond Beginners in chess. There are a wide variety of chess activities – every hour introduces new concepts, skills, and strategies that teach and strengthen chess skills as well as life skills such as planning, concentration, logical reasoning, critical thinking, problem solving, and complex decision making. All in a fun, hands-on atmosphere!  
(Nutritious snack provided at 11am).

### CAMP LOCATION:

AV Chess House  
3710 Neola Way  
Lancaster, CA 93536

### COST OF CAMP:

\$79/child for 20 hours of  
educational chess fun



### Your Chess Coach

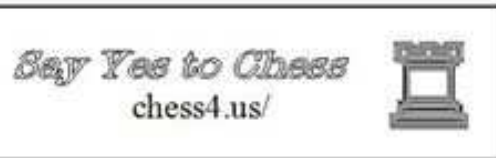
As a child, Ms. Daa (day) was a Girl Scout. She has been teaching and coaching chess for 25 years and was named the 2008 Minnesota Chess Coach of the Year. She is frequently ranked as one of the "U.S. Top-100 Women Quick-Chess Players."



Along with her BS in Math Ed and MA in Ed Psych, she's a licensed Math Teacher and is certified as a *Mainstream Teacher of ESL Students*.

### PRE-REGISTER:

1. Email Ms Daa:  
[daa@mahowald.org](mailto:daa@mahowald.org)
2. Request a Registration Form
3. Fill out the form
4. Bring the form and fee to the first day of Chess Camp





# Boy Scout/Cub Scout Summer Chess Camp!



9am – 1pm, July 23 – 27, 2013

**DETAILS:** This one-week, 4-hour-a-day-camp is specially designed for Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts who are Beginners or Beyond Beginners in chess. There are a wide variety of chess activities – every hour introduces new concepts, skills, and strategies that teach and strengthen chess skills as well as life skills such as planning, concentration, logical reasoning, critical thinking, problem solving, and complex decision making. All in a fun, hands-on atmosphere! A nutritious snack is provided at 11am.



## CAMP LOCATION:

AV Chess House,  
3710 Neola Way, Lancaster, CA 93536

## COST OF CAMP

\$79/child for 20 hours of educational chess fun

## TO REGISTER

1. Email Ms Daa: [daa@mahowald.org](mailto:daa@mahowald.org)
2. Request a Registration Form
3. Fill out the form
4. Bring the form and fee (cash only; exact change only) to the first day of Camp

### Your Chess Coach

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# 2014 Summer Chess Camps for Specific Skill Levels!



These one-week, 4-hour-a-day-camps have lots of hands-on, fun, chess activities where campers learn with others of their own skill level!

### Beginners & Beyond Beginners

Ages 5-13 \$79/Camper

July 7-11, 9am – 1pm

For those who are new to chess **OR** have just begun learning the game of chess

### Intermediates

Ages 5-13 \$79/Camper

July 14-18, 9am – 1pm

For those who attended a *Beginners & Beyond Beginners Chess Camp* **OR** who are competent at checkmate.

### Strategies, Tactics, Openings, Tricks & Traps

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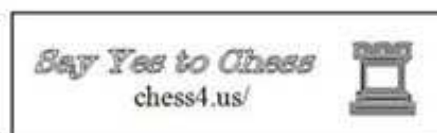
June 30-July 3, 9am – 1pm

Or

July 21-24, 9am – 1pm

For those who have attended the *Intermediates Chess Camp* **OR** who have competed in at least one full game chess tournament.

<u>Location of Chess Camps</u>	3710 Neola Way, Lancaster CA 93536
<u>Nutritious Snack</u>	Provided at 11am each day of any Summer Chess Camp
<u>Max/Min = 14/7</u>	No camp will accept more than 14 campers. A camp will be canceled if less than 7 campers register.
<u>Preregistration</u>	Preregistration is required and must be received at least 2 days prior to the start of the camp.
<u>For more info or to register</u>	Email <a href="mailto:daa@mahowald.org">daa@mahowald.org</a>



**April & May 2014  
School Chess Matches being organized NOW!**

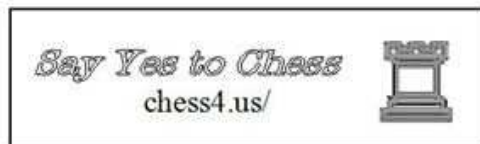
# Join the Fun!

Does your school have a group of students who play chess?  
Perhaps you have a school club or class?  
Maybe students play chess during lunch or recess?  
Or, do some of your school's students  
play chess at home?

**Enter your school team into Chess Matches against other schools!  
Contact the AV Scholastic Chess Match Coordinator NOW!**



- WHO** Any school in the Antelope Valley can join the Chess Matches Schools already participating include:
- Agua Dulce K-8
  - Antelope Valley Learning Academy K-8
  - Desert Montessori K-3
  - iLEAD K-6
  - Los Amigos K-8
  - Ocotillo K-6
- WHAT** Your school's team will challenge other schools' teams to a Chess Match
- WHERE** A school hosts a Chess Match against another school, then that team travels to the other school for a ReMatch
- WHEN** The sooner your team signs up, the sooner they can be paired with other schools!
- WHY** Among the many reasons to participate in School Chess Matches:
- to test your team's skills against other school teams
  - to experience the intercultural mix with other schools in a positive, learning environment
  - to provide a fun, after school activity in a safe and structured occasion
- HOW** Contact the AV Scholastic Chess Match Coordinator, Ms. Daa., [daa@mahowald.org](mailto:daa@mahowald.org)  
Indicate the number of members on your team  
Provides some dates when you might be able to host another team and when you might be able to travel to another school.



# Parent & Tot Chess Time

The AV Chess House offers Parent & Tot Chess Time classes through the City of Lancaster Parks, Recreation, and Arts Department for 2½ – 6-year-olds and their



# State Champion Gives Simul at AV Chess House

2013 California State K-3 Chess Champion, Eric Chen, provided a Simultaneous Exhibition before the start of March's first-Saturday-of-every-month Unrated Chess Tournament at the AV Chess House.

The Antelope Valley 4<sup>th</sup> Grader took on all six of the tournament players, simultaneously playing each of them. He won all the games.

The upcoming April Unrated Tournament is described on page 7 of this newsletter.



# Chess in Paris with Master Matt



National Chess Master and Antelope Valleyan Matt Mahowald (wearing the blue jacket), recently visited his sister in Paris. He took his nephews to play chess in Paris' famous Luxembourg Park.



# A 3-Way Chess Match

More than 40 kids competed in the February 28 3-way Chess Match between Agua Dulce K-8 vs. Los Amigos K-8 vs. Ocotillo. Hosted by Ocotillo, the school provided plenty of space for the more than 60 friends and family members who came to watch the Tri-Match! To find out how to enter your school team into these Chess Matches, see page 13.



# A 2-Way Chess Match

iLEAD K-6 vs. Agua Dulce K-8 at Agua Dulce on February 25.





***FREE Check Chess Club – a casual,  
welcoming club***

***Wednesdays, 5-6:30 PM***

***The AV Chess House***

***(3710 Neola Way, Lancaster CA)***

***All ages and skill levels are welcome to  
learn or play chess in a supportive  
atmosphere. No sign-up required and chess  
sets are provided.***

***No food allowed on premises. Please park across the street from the building.  
For more information, email: [daa@mahowald.org](mailto:daa@mahowald.org)***



**Chess Equipment  
For Sale**

***The AV Chess  
House buys in bulk  
and sells at cost just so  
that more Antelope  
Valleyans have access  
to chess equipment. To  
view items, contact:  
[daa@mahowald.org](mailto:daa@mahowald.org)***

- \$2 Used Standard Chess Board Mat - Black
- \$3 Pocket-Size Magnetic Chess Set – for Quick Study
- \$4 Standard Chess Board Mat – varied colors
- \$4 Chess Bag – includes Mat Carrier – varied colors
- \$5 Staunton-Style Single-Weight Chess Pieces
- \$8 Staunton-Style Double-Weight Chess Pieces
- \$12 Staunton-Style Triple – Weight Chess Pieces
- \$15 Chess Bag – includes Internal Mat & Clock Compartments – blue
- \$30 Excalibur Game Time II – Game Timers
- \$44 Staunton-Style Wooden Chess Pieces

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**PLAY CHESS!**



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