

Pittsburgh Gifted Center Chess Club

This club is designed for students in grades 3-8 to learn the basics of chess and provide them with an opportunity to hone their chess skills. The club will meet every two weeks to play live games, solve chess puzzles, and learn or practice tactics. Membership in the club will include a 3-month membership to *Chesskid.com* where online games will be played with other club members between meetings.

Attendance at the Saturday sessions is not necessary; however, all members will be expected to participate on Tuesday evenings at 7pm through *Chesskid.com*. Members who do not plan to attend the Saturday meetings should be present at the first meeting to have permission slips signed, to receive the *Chesskid.com* orientation, and meet everyone. A minimum of 10 students will be required to hold the club and the club will be capped at 50 students on a first-come, first-served basis according to the submission of the Google Form application, sibling submissions will be based upon the submission timestamp of the first sibling.

To apply for the Pittsburgh Gifted Center Chess Club, please enter the following URL after it becomes active on September 17th at 7pm: <https://tinyurl.com/2024PGCChessApplication>

A \$10 cash donation to help with club expenses would be appreciated; however, this is not necessary for club membership.

Dates and tentative topics

9/28: Introductions and Basic checkmate

Chesskid.com 7pm 10/1, 10/8

10/12: Openings and Strategy

Chesskid.com 7pm 10/15, 10/22

10/26: 'Loose pieces' and 'Removing the Guard'

Chesskid.com 7pm 10/29, 11/5

11/9: 'Discovered Attacks' and 'Double Attack'

Chesskid.com 7pm 11/12, 11/19

11/23: 'Forks' and 'Skewers'

Chesskid.com 7pm 11/26, 12/3, 12/10

12/14: 'ABC' Anything But Chess day

Chesskid.com 7pm 12/17

12/21: Tournament prep

Chesskid.com Winter Break- Days/Times TBD

1/?? PPS Tournament

1/4 Bring your special person to beat day

What a typical day looks like

9 a.m. Sages/Knights (Gr. 6-8) arrive

Cereal and puzzles

Chesskid.com game against bot

Chess discussion/data review

10 a.m. Tactics in chess

Tactics in chess lesson & practice

Tactic Challenge & Modified games

11 a.m. Rooks (Gr. 3-5) arrive / Knights Depart

Mentor/Mentee time

Tactics in Chess

12 p.m. Snack, announcements & Sages depart

Chesskid.com game against bot

Chess-based activity (includes live games, invented pieces, life-size chess, etc..)

1 p.m. Rooks depart

Sign-Up Application will say “no longer accepting responses”
until it is opened up again at 7:00pm on 9/17/2024



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