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. Membership in the club will include a 3-month membership to *Chesskid.com* for online play and in-person challenges.

To apply for the Pittsburgh Gifted Center Chess Club, please enter the following URL after it becomes active Monday, February 27th at 6:30pm: https://tinyurl.com/2023PGCChessApplication

For more information see: https://tinyurl.com/2023PGCChessFlyer

Dates and tentative topics

3/11: Introductions & Basic checkmate (9-11am,11am-1pm)

Chesskid.com and MS Teams 7-8pm

3/13: Puzzle themes 3/15: Full games 3/20: Grab Bag 3/22: Tournament

3/25: 'Loose pieces' and 'Removing the Guard'

3/27: Puzzle themes 3/29: Full games

3/20: Grab Bag 3/22: Tournament

3/27: Team Bot Games 3/29: Full games

4/3: Puzzles 4/5: Tournament

4/8: 'Discovered Attacks' and 'Double Attack'

4/10: Puzzle themes 4/12: Full games

4/17: Grab Bag 4/19: Tournament

4/22: 'Forks' and 'Skewers'

4/24: Puzzle themes 4/26: Full games

5/1: Grab Bag 5/3: Tournament

5/8: Team Bot Games 5/10: Full games

5/13: "ABC" Anything But Chess day

5/15: Tournament 5/17: Tournament

5/20: Celebrations (all members 11am-1pm)

What a typical in-person day looks like:

Knights (6-8th grade)

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. Knights depart

Rooks (3-5th grade)

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

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

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