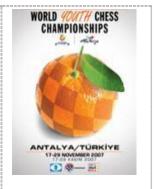
Seventy-three players, coaches, and family members are making their final preparations for the 2007 World Youth Chess Championship scheduled for November 17-29 in Antalya, Turkey. The venue for the tournament is the Limra Hotel in Antalya. Additional tournament information from the organizers can be found at http://wycc2007.tsf.org.tr/. The coaches working with this year's team include Armen Ambartsoumian, Joel Benjamin, John Fedorowicz, Aviv Friedman, Michael Khodarkovsky, and Sergey Kudrin. Friedman will also serve as Head of Delegation for the US contingent. One challenge for the players and coaches is the adjustment to a new time zone and the jet lag which follows the lengthy trip to Turkey. In addition, the World Youth is one of the premier events for this level and the competition is intense throughout the 11-round tournament.



The opening ceremonies are slated for November 17th with the first round to being the following day. A free day on the 23rd provides the players with a small rest before continuing the grueling schedule which ends with the closing ceremonies on the 28th.

This year?s players and the categories within which they will compete are as follows:

Girls Under 18 NIKOLOVA, ETTIE VA KATS, ELINA NY KERR, JULIA k NY Girls Under 16 MELEKHINA, ALISA PA MARSHALL, ABBY VA JAMISON, COURTNEY TX LIVSCHITZ, LOUIZA CA Girls Under 14 VA DAI, YANG LIU, JENNIE S NJ VEMPATI, GAYATRI TX Girls Under 12 KUZNIATSOVA, ALENA NY MATLIN, ANNA NJ Girls Under 10 CHIANG, SARAH TX XIANG, ELLEN TX

Girls Under 8 XIANG, EVAN LIAO, SIMONE	TX CA
Boys Under 18 LIU, ELLIOTT	CA
Boys Under 16 ARNOLD, MARC TYLE HARPER, WARREN SHANKLAND, SAMUEI	TX
Boys Under 14 ROBSON, RAY S SHEN, VICTOR C GETZ, ALEC YEE, MICHAEL TANAKA, CHRISTIAN	FL NJ NY CA CA
Boys Under 12 NARODITSKY, DANIE YANK, DARWIN HEUNG, CHRISTOPHE	TX
Boys Under 10 LUO, BRIAN J KRISHNAN, VARUN PAMATMAT, JAROD	WI CA TX
Boys Under 8 CHIANG, JONATHAN LIN, DACHEY	TX TX