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| 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. | http://ohchess.org/images/flyerworldyouthslide.jpg |

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  
DAI, YANG                        VA  
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                    TX  
LIAO, SIMONE                   CA

Boys Under 18  
LIU, ELLIOTT                     CA

Boys Under 16  
ARNOLD, MARC TYLER       NY  
HARPER, WARREN              TX  
SHANKLAND, SAMUEL L      CA

Boys Under 14  
ROBSON, RAY S                 FL  
SHEN, VICTOR C                NJ  
GETZ, ALEC                       NY  
YEE, MICHAEL                   CA  
TANAKA, CHRISTIAN         CA

Boys Under 12  
NARODITSKY, DANIEL A    CA  
YANK, DARWIN                 TX  
HEUNG, CHRISTOPHER      FL  
  
Boys Under 10  
LUO, BRIAN J                    WI  
KRISHNAN, VARUN            CA  
PAMATMAT, JAROD           TX

Boys Under 8  
CHIANG, JONATHAN          TX  
LIN, DACHEY                     TX