

Northland Public Library

Chess Tournament 2012

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the Northland Chess Tournament?

The Northland Library Chess tournament is an opportunity for school age children to experience competitive chess play in a friendly setting. Our annual Chess Tournament is part of the Allegheny County Library Association's county-wide tournament. First place Northland winners in each age division (Kindergarten through 4th Grade and 5th Grade through 8th Grade) will go on to the Allegheny County Library Championship Tournament at the end of March.

What are the dates and times?

The tournament date is **Saturday February 25th**, starting at 9:15 am. Participants should try to arrive by 9:00 to check in and get settled. *Anyone not present at the beginning of the first round will be dropped from the tournament roster.*

How does my child register?

Come to the Children's desk between Wednesday, February 1st and Thursday, February 22nd. We will ask you to fill out a registration form for each child. Children do not need to be present to register, but must sign the registration form prior to playing in the tournament. Children must be residents of Allegheny County, and may play in only ONE county library tournament.

Are there prizes?

Yes. First, second and third place trophies will be awarded in each age division. Every participant will receive a certificate of participation.

How is the Tournament run?

Every child will play four games. No one gets "knocked out". Initial pairings are by grade level. After the first round, winners play winners, losers play other children who lost in the first round, and so on through all four games. The Tournament is run by a judge from the Pittsburgh Chess Club.

Does my child need to bring a chess board?

No. The library provides boards and sets. Children may bring a notebook to record their moves, but no chess books or electronic aids are allowed. Parents are not permitted in the tournament room once play begins.

Do I need to stay in the Library?

No. Parents of children older than six do not need to stay in the Library during the Tournament. Parents may not stay in the Tournament room, but are welcome to stay in the break room or enjoy the rest of the Library. Coffee is available in the Book Nook on the upper level. Parents are asked to be back in the Library by 12:30 for the awards ceremony. Children whose parents have not arrived to pick them up by the end of the Tournament will be taken back to the Children's department to wait.

What about lunch?

Children are welcome to bring a lunch. There are snacks and beverages for sale at the Book Nook on the upper level.

What if I need more information?

If you have a question about the Northland Library Chess Tournament not answered here, please contact Susan Claus at 412-366-8100 extension 123, or send an email to clauss@einetwork.net.