



Family Chess session held at Roving ChessNuts on Good Friday

FAMILY CHESS:

Helps younger players learn; promotes mental stimulation and face-to-face interaction between parents and children

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The majority of young chess players who do well in competitions or progress quickly in school or class instructional programs have someone to play and practice with at home.

Chess is very complex and takes a lot of effort to learn to play properly. The younger you start learning chess, the better the educational benefits you will receive such as the ability to focus, the use of logical reasoning and the making of plans and executing them. Roving ChessNuts have taught children as young as four and parents have reported that the early learning of chess has prepared them to do better in their first years of schooling. Continued below

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Remaining Events for April 2017:



Saturday, April 22, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Roving ChessNuts:

Girls Only Tournament with awards for beginning and experienced players

Sunday, April 30, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Greenfield Community Hall:

Championships for Grades 1 to 3, Grades 4 to 6 and Grades 7 to 9

This event open only to students who have open tournament or training tournament experience

First round of competition will be for each Grade 1 through 9;
winners of Grades advance to Division Finals

Details and registration links posted at www.rovingchessnuts.com

Mom, Dad and two sons practice pawn promotions at a ChessNuts Family Chess training session



Younger children, Grade 3 and below, generally need home help between their weekly instructional classes. Parents often need to help younger readers with the material given in the basic chess manual and work sheets and to understand the concepts of developing good openings, applying tactics and strategies and making plans for end games.

Just as important for younger players is having some hands-on practice at home such as performing checkmates, pawn promotions, going over their openings and stopping games in progress to study positions and possible tactics to use. A parent understanding basic chess can be a tremendous help, and a parent who is willing to be taught by their child about chess is helping reinforce in the child the lessons learned in their weekly classes.

While younger children can be insistent on playing full games and showing off their skills by winning, this has to be tempered with reminders that some practice has to be done prior to a game and that a child is not going to improve unless regularly facing challenging players. Wins against weaker players can actually lead to weaker chess skills than loses against players with the same or more experience.

Family chess is the answer to helping these younger students and a great way for them to interact with parents, older siblings and other adult relatives or family friends. Remember, too, that the older people get the more mental stimulation they need to keep brain activity at higher levels and ward off effects of aging. Plus, games are a great way for families to positively interact and reinforce sportsmanship.

The Roving ChessNuts have held two Family Chess sessions so far this year and more will be held before the end of the school year and during the summer months. Special materials and aids are also being developed. Watch for dates and other information.

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