

Training Opportunities for those wanting to do their best at Chess Faceoff at Rogers Place, Sunday, March 11!

Because of the number of players competing in a limited amount of time for individual and school team honours at the Chess Faceoff Sunday afternoon, March 11, at Rogers Place, it would be best for all participants, particularly those from beginning school classes who have never played outside of their school program, to learn about playing in an open tournament, know how to use a chess clock and know the rules of playing in a tournament. Plus at the sessions below, there will be one or two instructors on hand to review their game playing and give coaching tips, including advice on ending games and knowing basic checkmating skills. **Here are some of the opportunities being offered and updates and new dates can be found at www.rovingchessnuts.com**

Thursday, February 8: Training session for first time tournament players at **Greenfield Hall, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. \$10 fee (\$5 for additional player same family)**. Two instructors on hand to help players learn how to play in a tournament, use clocks and be able to checkmate. Please use back entrance to hall. This session is particularly open to Grades 4 to 6 students in the chess programs at Meyonohk, Nicholson, Ellerslie Campus and Frere Antoine schools - students who have not yet participated in a tournament. The classroom at the Hall, 3803 -114 Street, is small, so please phone 780-474-2318 or e-mail rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca to reserve a spot in this session. (Watch for other Thursday night chess activities at Greenfield Hall Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., February 15 and 22 and March 1)

Also during February, invitations will be sent to interested school class players showing progress to attend a Roving ChessNuts class at either the northeast training facility or Greenfield Hall in order to meet and compete against opponents other than those involved in their school classes. Facing a variety of opponents and facing that challenge is essential to develop chess skills.

Sunday, February 18: Girls Only Workshop - Only a few seats are still available for female players who already have recent or past tournament experience - apply by e-mail or phone 780-474-2318. (See below flyer)

March 1 & 2: Teachers' Convention Chess Camps at Roving ChessNuts, 12019 76 Street Limited enrollment. E-mail or phone to reserve a spot. Chess Camp details will be available on February 9. Camps operate 8:30 to 5 p.m. for either full-day students or half day (morning or afternoon) students. Fees are \$49 per day or \$29 half day with discounts given for second student same family and if two days or half-days are attended. Friday camp day will also include workshops by Agnieszka Matras-Clement whose credentials are noted below.

Edmonton Girls Only Scholastic Chess Group Invitation to Roving ChessNuts Workshop featuring **Agnieszka Matras-Clement**

Alberta's Highest Rated Female Player • Third in 2017/18 Canadian Women's Championship

Sunday, February 18, 2018 at Roving ChessNuts, 12019 76 Street, Edmonton

Starting 1:00 p.m. Three hours of learning and playing chess

Limited enrollment of female players with tournament experience with preference given to those already entered in March 11 Chess Faceoff at Rogers Place (with Oil Kings game included after tournament)

Fee: \$10 • Call 780-474-2318 to reserve spot & pay fee (Entry in March 11 event also available by phone)

Update on February 7: About six seats are still available and we particularly invite any girls, grade 4 and up, who have tournament experience, but have not competed recently. This is a good opportunity to learn from a top female player and improve your chess knowledge and skills.

