Join the Ashland Chess Academy!
Fall 2019 Information

The Ashland Chess Academy is a free kids' chess club program of South Shore Chess, a 501c(3) non profit educational organization. The chess club provides kids with a sound foundation in chess and opportunities to practice and play games with peers each week.

Chess Club will be held every Thursday from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm, except for holidays at the Ashland Library beginning October 3. Chess Club is tentatively scheduled to end on November 14, 2019 based on coaching and parent availability. The club will be coached by experienced US Chess Federation rated chess players including older students and parents at times.

Parents must complete the registration form (see next page). The registration form can be emailed or brought to the first session, but a student cannot participate in the chess club without proper registration.

- Club Procedures: The chess club meets in theAshland Library at 4:00PM. Kids will receive a snack at the beginning and then we will begin with instruction and games of chess.
- Parents should pick their child up in the library promptly (between 5:25 and 5:30) unless they give written permission otherwise.
- Attendance and Behavioral Expectations: We strongly encourage children to make a commitment to attend all possible weekly meetings. The chess instruction builds from week to week so it is important for children to have the background from previous weeks. We expect children to be attentive (and not disruptive) during meetings. Parents will be notified if discipline is a problem.
- Parent Involvement: The Club strongly encourages parent involvement. Parents help with snacks, distribute chess boards, and keep order during the meetings (experience with chess is not required). Additional information will be sent via email regarding volunteer sign-up.
- Tournaments: Tournament participation is encouraged, but not required. The tournaments provide an opportunity to play against age-matched peers.

Please fill out the registration form as soon as possible to sign up your child. If you have any questions, please contact: Jill Racine at AshlandChess@gmail.com or 804-615-2698

ASHLAND CHESS ACADEMY

REGISTRATION/PERMISSION FORM

CHILD'S NAME_____

GENDER_____   DATE OF BIRTH_____

ADDRESS_____

PARENT NAME(s)_____

PREFERRED E-MAIL ADDRESS_____

PREFERRED PHONE_____   SECONDARY PHONE_____

GRADE____SCHOOL_____TEACHER_____

CHILD'S PREVIOUS CHESS EXPERIENCE (check one):

_____Advanced (plays in tournaments, has USCF rating of 600+)

_____Intermediate or Advanced (knows basic principles, probably has played in a few tournaments)

_____Advanced Beginner (can play a game from start to finish)

_____Beginner (has never played before or still needs help with rules)

Please Check Each of the Boxes and Sign Below:

   I give permission for my child to participate in the ASHLAND CHESS ACADEMY.
   AFTER CHESS CLUB MEETINGS, MY CHILD WILL:
   _____WALK HOME _____WALK TO DAYCARE   _____
   STAY AT LIBRARY_____PICKED UP AT LIBRARY BY_____

By signing below I confirm understanding of the following:
*Ashland Chess Academy will meet weekly after school until 5:30PM at the Ashland Library (There will be no meetings during school holidays or on dangerous weather days.)
*This completed and signed form must be received by the 1st meeting attended.
*Images and names of your child with their name may appear in news coverage of Ashland Chess Academy activities.
*Membership may be revoked for misbehavior or violation of the chess program rules.
*If your child loses or damages chess equipment, the parent will be responsible for replacement of lost or damaged equipment.
*Your child is attending chess academy for chess – if they're not playing chess, or learning about chess, they will be reminded of this fact. Continued problems will result in their being asked not to return.
*Ashland Chess Academy claims no responsibility for its students outside of the chess session. While we will do our best to help out in emergency situations, we are not babysitters. Meaning if a student fails to show up without notice, leaves early on their own, leaves after a session on their own, etc., it is the parent/guardian's responsibility.

ANY FOOD ALLERGIES? _____

Parent signature_____   Date_____