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USA Chess



Game Builder

Video Game Creation
Animation Creation



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Summer Camps

USA CHESS NATIONAL CHESS TOUR

Ages 5-15 • All Abilities

Experienced tournament chess professionals travel from city to city teaching the game of chess to children of all ages and abilities. Each half day consists of two hours of lessons tailored to the abilities of the children and an hour of practice and play against other students and the instructors. Instructors utilize a variety of teaching methods to make learning the game a fun and exciting experience kids will remember for years to come.

Our goal is to provide each camper with a very fun, memorable and educational experience. We believe the skills we are sharing with these campers are not

VIDEO GAME CREATION-INTRO

Ages 8-15 • Intro-Inter, MS Windows

Starting with basic commands, campers will be taught in a step-by-step progression how to build a unique one-of-a-kind game. Camp begins with an introduction to Game Maker software. Children learn to add rooms, walls, backgrounds, new levels, music, scoring, and many other great techniques. At the end of camp participants receive a copy of their games. They can continue to develop their games and create new ones as well. Additionally, each camper receives a t-shirt, trophy and a certificate with photo.

Imagine how much fun they will have designing and programming professional looking video games. All that's required is some computer know-how and a bit of imagination. There are no limits! Our camp uses state of the art computers & software combined with expert instruction.

limited to their chess play. Many studies have shown chess to provide

children with higher problem-solving abilities and higher testing scores than non-chess players. The skills utilized in chess (patience, creativity, long and short term planning, good sportsmanship and understanding consequences) transfer well to all aspects of school and life. It is our goal to make the experience of our campers far-reaching and long lasting. Each camper receives a trophy, chess set, notation book, and t-shirt.



VIDEO GAME CREATION- THE SEQUEL

Ages 8-15 • Intro-Inter, MS Windows

In the spirit of the legendary video games, "Mario", "Sonic" and "Samus", we present our popular platform game, Gamebuilder: The Sequel. Campers use Game Maker software to create side-scrolling, platform game with running, jumping, falling, climbing, blasting, and enemy stomping! Students will learn how to program real world physics with effects such as gravity and friction while plotting out head scratching adventures for their character to solve. Actual programming techniques will be used to create power-ups and saved game data during the journey. Each unique adventure is programmed at the end of camp, entirely by the student! Campers receive access to our custom download site featuring thousands of games created by children across the country, including their own. They even receive a t-shirt and completion trophy.

- Kids love to create video games even more than playing them.



ANIMATION CREATION

Ages 8-15 • Intro-Inter, MS Windows

Students are introduced to programming by creating short computer animated movies with a focus on fun. Campers will create animated stories using the Scratch animated programming tool which allows them to program interac-

tions between characters. They will use a gallery of characters, scenery and custom animations that are designed to help develop their story. The students will learn basic programming skills and have the opportunity broaden their imagination. Each camper receives a t-shirt and completion trophy.

NEW FOR 2013!

ADVANCED VIDEO GAME CREATION- MOBILE APPS

Ages 9-15, • Intermediate

Children will use GameMaker Studio to create a cell phone/tablet video game in the style of Doodle Jump that they can play on their Smartphone, iPads, iPhones, Kindles and other tablets. Children will be taught how to create characters, make them move by tilting the phone, jump between platforms; manipulate objects by touching the screen, and much more. The students will create different levels, a high score table, enemies, and learn what they need to know to get games onto devices. (There are additional costs for software in order to move games to students personal devices). Students receive a t-shirt and completion trophy.

ADVANCED VIDEO GAME CREATION- 3D CONCEPTS

Ages 9-15, • Intermediate, MS Windows

Children with prior experience with GameMaker software learn the principals used in making 3D style games while creating their own "home base defense games". Lessons include the principles of perspective, scale, infinity and other concepts. Students are challenged while allowing them to creatively apply their GameMaker skills and learn how game designers make the 2D computer screen "come to life" with 3D affects. Students receive a t-shirt and completion trophy.

To register please visit our website at www.activelearningcamps.com or use the printed registration form within this brochure.



did you know...

- Kids love to play chess!
- Children that play chess on a regular basis perform better in school.
- At GameBuilder Camp children actually design and create their very own one-of-a-kind video game.
- Our unique curriculum teaches introductory programming skills while encouraging creative thinking.



OUR INSTRUCTORS

Our staff is comprised of the best hand-picked children's chess instructors in North America and our computer enrichment staff is specifically trained to teach the software and curriculum. We feel so strongly about our instructors' abilities that we fly them to each of our camps from their home cities.

Our selection process for instructors is highly competitive. In addition to in-person meetings, interviews and classroom observation, we conduct thorough background checks to ensure that only the best instructors are a part of our team. Teaching children is their passion and their enthusiasm is infectious.

TYPICAL DAY

The camp schedule is structured but at the same time it is fun. Classroom size for our chess programs averages 12-15 campers. It can be more in our computer enrichment programs (but not larger than a typical school computer lab).

We make every effort to group friends together but groupings within chess programs are dependent on chess playing ability.

Teaching methods and lessons are specific to each instructor but the main focus is the same: present the chess material in a fun, exhilarating and entertaining way. All necessary equipment is provided. There are no expectations placed upon the campers, and the atmosphere is very relaxed. A typical day in our

chess program will include instruction, activities and of course an opportunity to try their new skills with an opponent. For half day chess campers, the day



consists of two classroom lessons lasting an hour each, with an hour break in-between for practice and snack. Computer enrichment programs typically have two longer sessions with a snack break in-between.

All day campers follow the same schedule, with an hour-long lunch/recess break. Snacks and drink are provided during break time.

Students attending the all day session should bring a lunch that does not require refrigeration—we prefer lunches without nut products.

Active Learning does not provide extended care although many host schools offer extended care as part of their summer programs. Parents should contact the host school directly to find out what programs are available.

The final day is Graduation Day. Parents have the opportunity to observe a lesson, or the child's computer program creation.

Each camper is then called forward to receive a trophy and a certificate of achievement. Chess program students also receive a chessboard and pieces and any work completed throughout the week. Computer Enrichment campers will receive information on how to download their games and software from our website.



find a camp

C=Chess Camp | GB1=Intro Video Game | GB2=Video Game-Sequel | A=Animation
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| ST | CITY | CAMP LOCATION | DATE | C | GB1 | GB2 | GB MA | GB 3D | A |
|----|------------------|----------------------------------|--------|---|-----|-----|-------|-------|---|
| CA | Fresno | St. Anthony School | 8-Jul | X | X | X | | | X |
| CA | La Jolla | La Jolla CDS | 29-Jul | X | X | X | | X | X |
| CA | Pasadena | Mayfield School | 17-Jun | X | X | | X | | |
| CA | Pasadena | Mayfield School | 15-Jul | X | X | X | | X | |
| CA | Sacramento | Capital Christian School | 1-Jul* | X | X | X | X | | |
| CA | Santa Monica | Crossroads School | 5-Aug | X | X | X | | | |
| CA | Sherman Oaks | DeVry U Campus | 1-Jul* | X | X | X | | | |
| CO | Colorado Springs | Colorado Springs School | 17-Jun | X | X | X | | | X |
| CO | Englewood | St. Mary's Academy | 17-Jun | X | X | X | | | |
| DC | Washington, DC | National Cathedral School | 24-Jun | X | X | X | | | |
| DE | Wilmington | Wilmington Friends School | 24-Jun | X | | | | | |
| FL | Boca Raton | St. Andrew's School | 8-Jul | X | X | X | | | |
| FL | Ft Myers | Canterbury School | 29-Jul | X | | | | | |
| FL | Melbourne | Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy | 8-Jul | X | X | X | | | |
| FL | Naples | Comm School of Naples | 24-Jun | X | X | X | | X | |
| FL | Orlando | Holy Family Catholic School | 22-Jul | | X | X | | X | X |
| FL | St. Petersburg | Shorecrest Preparatory School | 17-Jun | X | X | X | | | |
| FL | St. Petersburg | Shorecrest Preparatory School | 22-Jul | X | X | X | | | |
| FL | Tallahassee | Maclay School | 10-Jun | X | X | X | | | X |
| FL | Wellington | #1 Education Place | 29-Jul | X | X | X | | | |
| FL | Weston | The Sagemont School | 10-Jun | X | X | X | | | X |
| FL | Winter Park | Trinity Preparatory School | 17-Jun | X | X | X | | | |
| GA | Augusta | Augusta Preparatory Day School | 10-Jun | X | X | X | X | X | |
| HI | Honolulu | Maryknoll School | 22-Jul | X | X | X | X | | |
| IL | Chicago | DePaul University | 24-Jun | X | X | X | | | |
| IL | Wheaton | St. John Lutheran School | 15-Jul | X | X | X | | | |
| KY | Lexington | The Sayre School | 8-Jul | X | X | X | X | | X |
| KY | Louisville | Kentucky Country Day School | 15-Jul | X | X | X | | | |
| LA | Baton Rouge | St. Lukes Episcopal School | 3-Jun | X | X | X | | | X |
| LA | New Orleans | St. Martins Episcopal School | 29-Jul | X | X | X | | | X |
| LA | Shreveport | Southfield School | 24-Jun | X | X | X | X | X | |
| MA | Osterville | Cape Cod Academy | 29-Jul | X | X | X | | | |
| MA | Southborough | The Fay School | 5-Aug | X | X | | | | |
| MA | Wayland | Wayland Community Ctr. | 29-Jul | | X | X | | | |
| MA | Wilmington | Abundant Life School | 12-Aug | X | X | | | | |
| MA | Worcester | Bancroft School | 5-Aug | X | X | X | | | |
| MD | Annapolis | The Key School | 5-Aug | X | X | X | X | | X |
| MD | Baltimore | Park School | 22-Jul | X | X | X | X | | X |
| MD | Baltimore | Park School | 5-Aug | X | X | X | | X | X |
| MD | Huntington | The Calverton School | 29-Jul | X | X | X | | | |
| MD | Potomac | St. Andrews Episcopal School | 24-Jun | X | X | X | | | |
| MD | Potomac | St. Andrews Episcopal School | 22-Jul | X | X | | | | X |
| ME | Cape Elizabeth | Cape Elizabeth Community Ctr | 22-Jul | X | X | X | | | |
| MI | Beverly Hills | Detroit CDS | 5-Aug | X | X | X | X | | |
| MN | Minneapolis | City of the Lakes Waldorf School | 17-Jun | X | | | | | |
| MO | St Louis | DeVry U Campus | 1-Jul* | X | X | X | | | |
| MS | Jackson | St. Andrews Episcopal School | 24-Jun | X | X | X | | | |
| NC | Charlotte | Charlotte Latin School | 24-Jun | X | X | X | X | | X |
| NC | Wilmington | Cape Fear Academy | 15-Jul | X | | | | | |
| NJ | Morristown | College of Saint Elizabeth | 15-Jul | X | X | X | | | X |
| NJ | Somerset | Rutgers Preparatory School | 12-Aug | X | | | X | | |

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| NM | Albuquerque | Menaul School | 3-Jun | X | X | X | | | X |
| NM | Santa Fe | Santa Fe Preparatory School | 8-Jul | X | X | X | | | X |
| NY | Buffalo | Nardin Academy | 15-Jul | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| NY | Congers | Rockland Country Day School | 12-Aug | X | X | X | | | |
| NY | New York City | Daiton School | 22-Jul | X | X | X | | | |
| NY | Syracuse | Christian Bros Academy | 29-Jul | X | X | X | X | | |
| OH | Cincinnati | Summit County Day School | 10-Jun | X | X | X | | X | |
| OH | Columbus | CSG | 5-Aug | X | X | X | | | |
| OH | North Ridgeville | Lake Ridge Academy | 17-Jun | X | X | X | | | |
| OK | Oklahoma City | Heritage Hall School | 3-Jun | X | X | X | X | | X |
| OK | Oklahoma City | Heritage Hall School | 15-Jul | X | X | X | | X | |
| OK | Tulsa | Metro Christian Academy | 24-Jun | X | X | X | | | |
| OR | Portland | Catlin-Gable School | 22-Jul | X | X | X | | | |
| PA | Harrisburg | Harrisburg Academy | 8-Jul | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| PA | Philadelphia | Springside School | 1-Jul* | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| PA | Pittsburgh | Shadyside Academy (Elem) | 24-Jun | X | X | X | X | | X |
| PA | Pittsburgh | Shadyside Academy (Mid School) | 29-Jul | X | X | | X | X | X |
| PA | Pottstown | Wyndcroft School | 17-Jun | X | X | X | X | | X |
| PA | York | York Country Day School | 15-Jul | X | X | X | | | |
| RI | East Greenwich | Rocky Hill School | 22-Jul | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| RI | Providence | The Henry Barnhard School | 8-Jul | X | X | | | | X |
| SC | Charleston | Porter-Gaud School | 8-Jul | X | X | X | | X | |
| SC | Columbia | Heathwood Hall Episcopal School | 3-Jun | X | X | X | | | |
| SC | Columbia | Hammond School | 15-Jul | X | X | X | X | | |
| TN | Nashville | DeVry U Campus | 1-Jul* | X | X | X | | | |
| TX | Austin | Parkside Comm. School | 17-Jun | X | X | X | | | |
| TX | Austin | Parkside Comm. School | 29-Jul | X | X | X | | | |
| TX | Austin | St. Michael's Catholic School | 8-Jul* | X | X | X | | | X |
| TX | Corpus Christi | St. James Episcopal School | 10-Jun | X | X | X | | | |
| TX | Dallas | The Hockaday School | 10-Jun | X | X | X | X | | |
| TX | Dallas | The Hockaday School | 22-Jul | X | X | X | | X | |
| TX | Ft Worth | All Saints Episcopal School | 17-Jun | x | x | x | x | | x |
| TX | Houston | The Shlenker School | 10-Jun | X | X | X | | | |
| TX | Houston | St. Francis Episcopal Day School | 17-Jun | X | X | X | | | |
| TX | Houston | St. Francis Episcopal Day School | 24-Jun | X | X | X | X | X | |
| TX | Houston | St. Francis Episcopal Day School | 22-Jul | X | X | X | | | |
| TX | Houston | St. John's School | 24-Jun | X | X | X | X | X | |
| TX | Houston | St. John's School | 8-Jul | X | X | X | X | | X |
| TX | Katy | Crosspoint Comm Church | 10-Jun | X | X | X | X | | |
| TX | Round Rock | Concordia High School | 8-Jul | X | X | X | X | | |
| TX | San Antonio | DeVry U Campus | 1-Jul* | X | X | X | | | |
| TX | Woodlands (Cooper) | The John Cooper School | 17-Jun | X | | | | | |
| TX | Woodlands (Rubicon) | The Rubicon Academy | 15-Jul | X | X | X | | | |
| VA | Alexandria | St. Stephens & St. Agnes School | 24-Jun | X | | | X | | X |
| VA | Charlottesville | The Covenant School | 15-Jul | X | X | X | X | | X |
| VA | McLean | The Madeira School | 5-Aug | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| VA | Richmond | St. Christophers School | 5-Aug | X | X | X | | | X |
| VA | Richmond | The Steward School | 8-Jul | X | X | X | X | | X |
| VA | Virginia Beach | St. John the Apostle Catholic School | 24-Jun | X | X | X | | | X |

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camp registration



Please select camp location:

City: _____

School: _____

Dates: _____

*Some locations have different hours. Please consult our website for times and locations.

**Chess is available in virtually all locations. Certain locations may not the Gamebuilder or Animation Camps. The Advanced Gamebuilder and the mobile AP game are in limited locations only. Please consult our website to ensure availability before registering.

| Please Select Program | Chess | Video Game Creation Intro** | Video Game Creation - The Sequel** | Scratch Animation Creation Camp** | Video Game Creation (Mobile AP) | Advanced Video Game Creation -3D Concepts |
|------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| AM Session 9-12 Select 1** | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| PM Session 1-4 Select 1** | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| All Day Chess 9-4 Select 1** | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Mixed Program 9-4 Select 2** | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Camper Name: _____ Parent Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

School: _____ Age: _____ T-shirt: Adult or Child Size: S M L XL

Email address **Required:** _____ (All confirmations sent via this email address)

How did you hear about camp? _____

Circle payment: Check (payable to USA Chess) or Credit Card: Amex Visa MC Disc

Credit Card #: _____ Name on Card: _____

Expiration Date _____ CVV/CID Code _____ Signature _____

| PRICING**** | MOST CAMPS | 4 DAY Camps*** | Honolulu & NYC | Lexington, Morristown, Houston (St Fran), Cincinnati, DC, Osterville, Wellington |
|---|------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| ALL DAY CHESS | \$410 | \$335 | \$510 | \$435 |
| 1/2 DAY CHESS | \$260 | \$220 | \$360 | \$285 |
| ONE COMPUTER CLASS (1/2 DAY) | \$285 | \$255 | \$395 | \$305 |
| TWO COMPUTER CLASSES (2-1/2 DAYS- FOR FULL DAY) | \$470 | \$395 | \$570 | \$475 |
| 1/2 DAY CHESS/ ONE COMPUTER CLASS - FULL DAY | \$445 | \$370 | \$570 | \$470 |

***4 Day Camps include July 1-5: (DeVry U Campus, Philly, and Sacramento). Consult website for 4 day Austin- St Michaels' prices and days.

**** Prices reflect the early registration discount. Please add \$25 if 45 days before camp start date.

REGISTRATION OPTIONS



Online: Please go to www.activelearningcamps.com and complete online registration

Mail: Complete registration form and mail with payment to Active Learning Services:
18911 Forest Bend Creek Way, Spring, TX 77379

Fax: Complete registration form and fax with credit card information to: 281-966-6913

Phone: Please call: 1.888.65.CHESS

All registrations & payments must be received by midnight the Thursday before camp starts. After this date add \$25 and registration must be completed on-line. Walk-ins subject to \$25 fee and availability; Group rate of \$20 off per camper with groups of five or more; Checks and registrations must be mailed together to qualify for group rate. Average classroom size 12-15 campers. You will receive a confirmation packet via email within 3 weeks of the camp. Refunds will be processed less a \$25 fee, no refunds within 30 days of camp. Campers will be divided into groups based on age and ability. Please call 888.65.CHESS or email Info@chesscamp.com for more information.



This is a "MUST DO" camp for all children regardless of their chess playing abilities. The camp takes the students to a new level of playing and increases their ability to focus and think logically. It enhances all areas of their life. AND THEY HAVE FUN!!!

The Laughlin Family, Denver, CO



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