

# Spicewood Elementary Chess Tournament

Wednesday, March 10, 2010 12:45PM - 5:00 PM

Spicewood Chess Club will host a half-day **unrated chess tournament in Spicewood Elementary** right after school early release on Wednesday March 10th. **Pre-registration and payment of a \$5 registration fee is required.** All Spicewood students who know how to play chess are welcome to play. No USCF membership is required. Spicewood Chess Club will provide chess board and pieces. So no chess equipment is required from players.

There are three scholastic sections based on grade level and chess rating: **K-3, K-5 and advanced.** K-3 section is for students from Kinder to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. K-5 section is for students from 4<sup>th</sup> grade to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The advanced section is for students with USCF rating above 600 in rating history.

This will be a **Swiss-system** tournament, so everyone plays all afternoon—there is no “elimination.” All players will play each round. We will follow **USCF rules** including touch-move. Notation is not required but recommended if players know how to take notation. Please note the schedule below is subject to change.

**11:30pm – 12:30pm Room setup.** Tournament volunteers to setup the tables, chairs and chess boards.

**12:30pm – 12:45pm Problem desk open.** Any remaining preregistration problems should be addressed at this time. No check-in is necessary for preregistrations. We will make every attempt to contact you in advance if we see a problem with your registration. First round pairing will be posted during this time.

**12:45pm – 1:00pm Important announcements** in the Skittles Room (Cafeteria) about the tournament. All players and coaches should be present.

**1:00pm. First round begins.** All players, even those with problems or on-site registrations, should be present at the start of Round 1 in the playing hall for their section!

**Each round will start right after all players finish their games in the prior round.** Depending on the number of players as well as how the games go, we may play total 3 rounds or 4 rounds. **The awards ceremony will start right after final round. Parents need to pick up children at 5:00 pm.**

There will be some “**down time**” between rounds since many games will finish early. We will provide areas (outside the tournament room) for casual “**skittles**” chess and/or other indoor activities. Parents and/or coaches, please provide age-appropriate activities during the time between rounds. Trophies and medals will be awarded to Top Contenders in each section. Ribbons will be awarded to all participants! The number of trophies and medals will depend on number of entries. Email [jinhongliu@yahoo.com](mailto:jinhongliu@yahoo.com) if you have any question.

=====**Cut and Deliver to PTA room or chess club before 02/26/10**=====

## TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

CHECK ONE: Advanced Section \_\_\_\_\_ K-3 \_\_\_\_\_ K-5 \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

USCF ID Number if any \_\_\_\_\_ Rating \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please pick your child at 5pm. Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to "**Spicewood PTA**" in the amount of \$5. Deliver checks and registrations to Spicewood Elementary volunteer room right across to library or deliver to Chess Club on Friday morning.