A Special Invitation to Adults for High Quality Chess Instruction at a National Caliber Chess Camp

OleChess, July 26-31, 2015 at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota

The St. Olaf Chess Camp – “OleChess” – provides a singular opportunity for intense instruction from highly experienced instructors - and has a segment especially designed for adults who range from just past novice to average. This section is also appropriate for average adults looking to be more effective chess coaches. The section is called “Intensive Study: Fundamental Adult.”

OleChess began Intensive Study in 2005, the camp’s first year. Over time Intensive Study has been further focused to ensure the best instruction for each Intensive Study student. We found that many adult students wanted a more intensive experience, but that the traditional Intensive Study group was a little too challenging.

A Class Experience Tailored to Students – A Camp within a Camp

Intensive Study - Fundamental Adult provides an experience where chess theory and fundamentals from all phases of the game are brought into focus. Students are introduced to seeing chess, and learn how to select moves without deep calculation. In a very real sense, Intensive Study is an advanced camp within the larger OleChess camp.

Intense Instruction – Unique Events

The Intensive Study Fundamental Adult option includes a daily practice tournament game, review of that game with instructional staff, three class periods and an evening lecture with internationally titled players who are experienced instructors. The evening lecture is a time where all intensive study groups come together for a large lecture on general topics -- one recent topic was “How to defeat younger opponents.” Following the evening lectures are optional special events – sports night, blitz night, quick chess night and bughouse. Adult campers may also leave campus to visit the surrounding area. Intensive Study also includes two simultaneous exhibitions with camp instructors. So far, this year’s instructors include:

- GM Gregory Kaidanov
- GM Alex Yermolinsky
- GM Jess Kraai
- WGM Camilla Baginskaite
- FM Kevin Bachler
- NM Ken Wallach

OleChess also holds a 1-day USCF rated tournament on Saturday, July 25, for those who wish to jump start their camp. For information see http://wp.stolaf.edu/conferences/summer-camps/chess-camp/chesstournament-2/
Affordable Camp at a Unique Campus

When considering which camp to attend – shop and compare. Other chess camps may cost $750 for the camp only (perhaps with a discount for returning campers) – with additional costs that can easily reach $300-$600 for the week for 5 nights (shared) lodging and food.

OleChess’ fee is $795 all inclusive of lodging and food for the week. OleChess is held on the beautiful St. Olaf campus, often listed as one of the most beautiful in the country. The campus is self-contained: adults can easily travel to restaurants and stores in Northfield, younger students are safe within the campus confines. The campus bookstore and the Cage coffee/snack shop also provide campers with various amenities without leaving campus.

Princeton Review recently ranked St. Olaf’s dining services at #5 out of 379 colleges, and Niche Rankings placed St. Olaf’s dining services 19th out of nearly 1,200 colleges.

If you need to fly to the camp, the Minneapolis airport offers a broad range of airlines and therefore often provides more competitive pricing than camps at more remote airports. OleChess assists in arranging shuttle service between the airport and the camp.

To register or for more information, details and/or pricing:
OleChess Camp:  http://wp.stolaf.edu/conferences/summer-camps/chess-camp/
Facebook: search for OleChess, or  https://www.facebook.com/olechess
The campus and food service:
http://www.travelandleisure.com/slideshows/americas-most-beautiful-college-campuses/25