A Special Invitation to Youth 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 segments especially designed for very strong youth players as well as adult players.

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.

Strong Classes Tailored to Students – A Camp within a Camp
Our Intensive Study classes are tailored to different camper groups, effectively forming a “camp within a camp.” Intensive Study-Advanced Youth (IS-Y) and Intensive Study-Advanced Adult (IS-A) work together to provide both very strong classes – and age appropriate classes – to our campers interested in a more intensive experience.

IS-Y is open to campers 1500 and above. Campers rated above 1700 (or particularly above 2000) might be placed with IS-A campers depending upon several factors, including available ages and available class sizes. These assignments are made for pragmatic reasons: IS-A is not implicitly more intensive. An IS-A group and IS-Y group with similarly rated players will have a similar instructional experience. Campers in the IS-A and IS-Y groups also interact in our camp tournaments, and in the evening lectures (which are open to all IS groups.)

Intense Instruction – Unique Events
The Intensive Study 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. Following the evening lectures are optional special events – sports night, blitz night, quick chess night and bughouse. 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/
Escort/Chesscort
Parents/guardians may escort their children to camp; escorts are required for campers under age 10 (3 campers per escort.) See the website for more information. Additionally, escorts may choose “Chesscort” - a daily Chess 101 lite instruction. This class covers basics of chess, chess notation, and understanding tournaments (and participating in a mini-tournament) so that parents can learn to share in their child’s experience.

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