



### Campus Housing and Dining

Participants, instructors, and the counseling staff live, eat, study, and play together. Campers are housed two to a room in a secure residence hall. Bedding and a bath towel are provided. Meals (Sunday dinner through Friday breakfast) are provided by Bon Appétit in Stav Hall. Fresh foods with healthy choices and a menu that changes daily provide a satisfying dining experience that meets the needs of campers young and old.

### Camp Location

St. Olaf College is located 40 miles south of the Twin Cities metropolitan area in historic Northfield, Minnesota.

### Refund Policy

Written cancellations (post or email) received four weeks prior to camp start date will receive a refund less the \$100 non-refundable deposit fee. No refunds are given within four weeks of camp start date, but substitutions are accepted.

### To Register and For More Information

To register online or download a registration form, visit [go.stolaf.edu/olechess](http://go.stolaf.edu/olechess). For more information, email [summer@stolaf.edu](mailto:summer@stolaf.edu) and visit [stolaf.edu/camps](http://stolaf.edu/camps).

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# OLECHESS CAMP



JULY 21-26, 2019

St. Olaf College  
Northfield, MN

# The OleChess Camp Experience

July 21–26, 2019

OleChess offers a week of quality instruction and chess-related activities featuring some of the world's premier players and teachers. Chess players of all ages, abilities, and experience levels will enjoy a week filled with classes, demonstrations, lectures, tournaments, and games, games, and more games with fellow chess enthusiasts.

## Schedule

Camp opens on Sunday afternoon with check-in between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., followed by an orientation meeting, dinner, and an exciting exhibition pitting participants against their class instructor. Monday morning begins with the first round of a tournament that runs throughout the week. Following each round, players analyze the game with their instructors and then have the first of three daily class sessions with their base or rotating teacher. (A partially rotating instructional schedule allows participants to study with a variety of teachers during the camp.) Afternoon class sessions are followed by dinner in Stav Hall and special activities. Camp closing ceremonies start at 11 a.m. Friday with trophies awarded to winners in all competitions. Family and friends are invited.

## Camp Activities

Special activities such as movie night, a campfire, and recreational opportunities, including soccer, frisbee, or basketball, keep things active and interesting.

## Tournaments

Other activities include quick chess tournaments, a "blitz" tournament, and Ole Bughouse Mania. Students from Intensive Study and Chess Exploration participate separately.

## Camp Faculty

Each year, Kevin Bachler, OleChess Camp Director, FIDE Master, FIDE Trainer, and USCF PFF, brings the best available masters to OleChess. Instructors for 2019 include: Grandmasters Gregory Kaidanov, Alex Yermolinsky, Yury Shulman, Alexander Goldin, Dmitry Gurevich, WGM Camilla Baginskaite, and FM/FT Kevin Bachler. Every camper will have an opportunity for GM instruction. Visit [go.stolaf.edu/olechess](http://go.stolaf.edu/olechess) for 2019 instructor updates.

## OleChess Class Options and Fees

Class fees include double-occupancy lodging, meals (Sunday dinner – Friday breakfast) instructional sessions, special activities, and shirt. Campers are assigned to classes based on factors including the camper's registered section, age and ability. Class assignment decisions rest with the camp staff.

### Chess Exploration

**\$695**

For players of all ages and strengths. Campers are divided into classes of like ability and age. Section rating requirements are strictly adhered to; limited exceptions granted with documentations. See online for details. Campers nine years of age or younger must be accompanied by an adult escort (see escort policy section).

### Intensive Study

**\$855**

All Intensive Study sections include the Evening Lecture Series and separate camp activities for blitz, quick and bughouse.

- **Advanced Youth:** Under 18 with 1500+ rating—for strong students. This includes greater classroom rigor.
- **Advanced Adult:** 18 and over OR rating of 1700+. Intended for serious adult students with greater classroom rigor. This session will admit serious, mature-acting youth who meet the requirements and have camp director approval.
- **Fundamental Adult:** 18 and over. For the novice to moderate strength adult interested in strengthening their chess knowledge for themselves or for teaching others. Includes take-away materials, and for those interested in coaching, a letter of recommendation for the USCF Certified Chess Coach Program. Stronger players should consider Intensive Study-Advanced Adult.

### Intensive Study – Master Class

**\$995**

For serious players (including mature-acting youth) rated over 2000. Includes the evening lecture series, instruction by GMs only, electronic ChessBase format class materials, and the tournament section will be limited to the strongest players only (allowances for camp size). Masters are encouraged to participate. See online information on strength of advance registration.

## Additional Events/Classes

### Chess Basics Class: FREE

Sunday afternoon chess class covering the basics of chess moves and chess notation for anyone who needs a refresher in the topics.

### How to Be a Good Chess Parent: FREE

Sunday Seminar 2:30 p.m.–3 p.m.

A brief program discussing the important role of a chess parent. Key chess basics will be covered: how to select a chess coach, what books to study, what kind of tournaments to attend, and what kind of a chess player do I have?

### Rated Blitz Tournament: \$5

Sunday, July 21, 2:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Open to campers and their families during check-in.

### Evening Lecture Series: \$25 per lecture for those pre-registered by 7/12/19: \$30 at the door.

Adults (over age 17) who are not campers may also attend the Intensive Study evening lecture. Lectures last 1 to 1.5 hours, and begin at 5:45 p.m. Adults wishing to attend should arrive at 5:30 p.m. Lectures by camp GMs. Lecture topics will be posted on Facebook (OleChess). No refunds.

### OleChess Summer Tournament

Saturday, July 20

For campers and non-campers. Visit the website for more information.

**Boy Scout Chess Merit Badge** Counselor on staff. Fulfill your requirements at camp. Must be pre-approved by your scoutmaster.

### Escort Policy and Fee \$275

Participants nine years of age or younger may attend camp with an adult escort. There is a maximum of three campers per escort. The escort fee includes meals and housing in a shared room with the camper.

### Commuter Tuition

Campers commuting to and from camp daily may deduct \$50 from fees listed above. Commuter tuition includes lunch and dinner, instructional sessions, special activities, and a camp shirt.

### Single Occupancy \$90

A limited number of single-occupancy rooms are available to adult campers only.

### Late Fee

Registrations received after June 1 will be subject to a late fee.

