



# The OleChess Camp Experience

July 19–24, 2020

OleChess offers a week of quality instruction and chess-related activities. Chess players of all ages, abilities, and experience levels will enjoy a week filled with chess.

## Camp Features

- World's premier players and teachers
- Variety of class/tournament options
- Demonstrations
- Lectures
- Opportunity to play games with fellow chess enthusiasts
- Supervised recreational activities

## Schedule

- 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. camp check-in, followed by an orientation, meeting, dinner, and exhibition against class instructor.
- Monday - Friday:
  - Daily morning tournaments and afternoon class sessions filled with players analyzing the game with their instructors; three daily class sessions with their base or rotating teacher, and evening tournaments or special activities.
- 11 a.m. closing ceremony with trophies awarded to winners in all competitions. Family and friends are invited.

A detailed camp schedule can be found on our website at [st.olaf.edu/camps](http://st.olaf.edu/camps).

## Tournaments

- Quick chess tournaments
- "Blitz" tournament
- 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 US Chess PCC, brings the best available masters to OleChess. Past instructors included: Grandmasters Gregory Kaidanov, Alex Yermolinsky, Yuri

## OleChess Class Options and Fees

Class fees include:

- \* Double-occupancy lodging
- \* Meals
- \* Instructional sessions
- \* Special activities
- \* T-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 (pre-registered); \$10 (at the door)**

Sunday, July 19, 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 7/10/20; \$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 18

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 **\$300**

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.

