



**6th Annual Western Alliance  
Tucson Summer Chess Camp  
June 21-25, 2011**

Dear Chess Player,

You are cordially invited to participate in the 6th Annual Western Alliance Tucson Chess Camp. It will take place June 21-24th, 2011 coupled with a USCF rated tournament on the 25th, at the spacious Green Fields Country Day School. It is open to all Beginners—up to 1800 USCF rated players of any age.

Summer Chess Camps are widely popular throughout the United States, and thousands of players each year use this opportunity to learn from masters in intense, day-long sessions.

Ever since we held our widely popular Western Alliance Tucson Summer Camp in 2006, a niche was created for similar events for chess enthusiasts throughout Arizona and its surrounding states. The players who attended these Camps have since greatly increased their chess knowledge, rating, and won numerous State and National titles. The Camps helped them boost their desire to play chess and to study and enjoy this wonderful game. Our Camps provide a perfect blend of chess studies, interaction with coaches and other players, and lots of fun. It was no coincidence that we had more than 70 participants in the main Camp, and dozens of non-campers took part in our Evening Activities. On most days, our camp participants got to enjoy the benefit of having two instructors per group. As the organizer of the Western Alliance Tucson Chess Camps, I am very pleased to see how interest for playing and studying chess had skyrocketed amongst those who attended.

I would like to continue this wonderful tradition and take it to even greater heights by providing an opportunity for players to increase their knowledge at the 6th Annual Western Alliance Tucson Chess Camp. To achieve this goal, I have once again carefully selected instructors well-known in the Arizona chess circuit and beyond that will not only be able to provide a fundamental, yet different take on chess, but also have first-hand knowledge in what makes a great coach as well as a successful tournament player.

I am pleased to announce our list of possible instructors for our camp this year. Please note that these choices have not yet been confirmed and that the list of instructors will be finalized once we're closer to the actual camp dates.

International Master Levon Altounian	International Master Mark Ginsburg
International Master Danny Rensch	FIDE Master Robby Adamson
FIDE Master Ken Larsen	FIDE Master Warren Harper
National Master Leo Martinez	Expert Andrew Lebovitz
Expert Danny Schucker	Expert Ben Marmont
Expert Amanda Mateer	Expert Matt Noble
Expert Victor Yee	Expert Josh Leonard

The studies at the Western Alliance 2011 Camp will as always include a complete range of topics such as tactical play, middlegame planning, endgame studies, calculation, pawn structure, opening preparation, modern chess games, psychology and the latest news in chess worldwide.

**Side Events/Evening Activities**

The first 3 evenings of the camp will again correspond to a Blitz Tournament, Simultaneous Exhibition, and Bughouse. These activities will be open to the public and for a set fee, but free for the Camp participants. This is just one more way to make the Camp as fun, educational and memorable as possible.

June 21-Simultaneous Exhibition with a Master	June 22-Blitz
June 23-Bughouse	June 25-USCF-Rated Tournament

Trophies and certificates for each activity.

**General Groups**

Invitational basis only. Earliest applicants will be considered first, and spots will be reserved in the order in which they are received. The approximate rating division for the groups will be as follows:

- Group A (Wildcat) 100-600 USCF ( 4 years old and up )
- Group B (Coyote) 600-1000 USCF
- Group C (Hawks) 1000-1400 USCF
- Group D (Bears) 1400-1800 USCF

*\* Additional groups may be added if groups exceed the estimated participants numbers.*

Borderline players can be moved up or down at my discretion to better fit the overall strength of that particular group. All ages are welcome.

**Hours and Location**

General: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Lunch Break from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Evening activities: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Green Fields Country Day School. 6000 N. Camino De La Tierra, Tucson, AZ 85741.

**Fees**

- First 50 registered participants in any group: \$275 if registered by June 5th, \$25 more by June 10th, and an additional \$25 by June 20th (if space is still available). On site- \$375.
- \$100 non-refundable deposit by the postmarked date to reserve a spot.
- Family, school and group discounts available. Please ACFS for details.

**Special Scholarship**

Mr. Gabriel Romo of DAR Services, Inc. will generously donate \$1000 in scholarships for underprivileged students to attend this year's camp. Please visit our website for more details, or contact Levon Altounian at laltounian@msn.com or (520) 331-9398 for qualification information.

**USCF-Rated Tournament**

Green Fields Country Day School will host a USCF-rated tournament on June 25th, free for all Western Alliance '11 Camp participants.

**Registration**

Fill out the form below and mail to Levon Altounian at 2772 N. Neruda Ln, Tucson AZ, 85712 along with the corresponding deposit or a full payment. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (520) 891-3632 or laltounian@msn.com with any additional questions.

Thank you,

International Master Levon Altounian, 2011 Arizona State Champion  
*Western Alliance Tucson Summer Chess Camp Organizer and Coordinator*



**WESTERN ALLIANCE '11 REGISTRATION FORM  
TUCSON CHESS CAMP, JUNE 21-25, 2011**



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ USCF Rating \_\_\_\_\_

Group \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit Amount/Full Payment \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_