



**7th Annual Western Alliance  
Tucson Summer Chess Camp  
June 26-30, 2012**

Dear Chess Player,

You are cordially invited to participate in the 7th Annual Western Alliance Tucson Chess Camp. It will take place June 26-29th, 2012, coupled with a USCF rated tournament on the 30th, at the spacious International School of Tucson. 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 7th 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  
FIDE Master Ken Larsen  
International Master Mac Molner  
Expert Danny Schucker  
Expert Amanda Mateer  
Expert Victor Yee  
Coach Steve Ostapuk

International Master Mark Ginsburg  
FIDE Master Warren Harper  
Expert Andrew Lebovitz  
Expert Ben Marmont  
Expert Matt Noble  
Expert Josh Leonard  
Expert Sameer Manchanda

The studies at the Western Alliance 2012 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 26-Simultaneous Exhibition with a Master  
June 28-Bughouse

June 27-Blitz  
June 30-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.

International School of Tucson. 1701 E Seneca St, Tucson, AZ (near UMC)

### Fees

- First 50 registered participants in any group: \$275 if registered by June 10th, \$25 more by June 15th, 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 email 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](mailto:laltounian@msn.com) or (520) 331-9398 for qualification information.

### USCF-Rated Tournament

The International School of Tucson will host a USCF-rated tournament on June 30th, free for all Western Alliance '12 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](mailto:laltounian@msn.com) with any additional questions. **Please make checks payable to Arizona Chess for Schools.**

Thank you,

International Master Levon Altounian, 2008-Current Arizona State Champion  
*Western Alliance Tucson Summer Chess Camp Organizer and Coordinator*

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## WESTERN ALLIANCE '12 REGISTRATION FORM TUCSON CHESS CAMP, JUNE 26-30, 2012

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

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

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

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

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

**\*\*\*Please make checks payable to Arizona Chess for Schools.\*\*\***



# **7th Annual Western Alliance Tucson Summer Chess Camp**

## **Evening Activities, Starting at 5:00 PM**

Join Us For the Evening Fun!

Open To Everyone And Every Age Group

### **June 26: Simultaneous Exhibition. “Play The Master” Can You Beat A Master?**

Get A Chance To Play One Of The Best Chess Masters  
Win Prizes And Have Your Game Published If You Can Beat The Master!  
Have A Chance To Review Your Game With Another Master After The Game  
Entry Fee: \$15 ( Advanced Entries, \$20 On Site )

### **June 27: Blitz Tournament. “The Fastest Mind” How Fast Are You?**

Get A Chance To Match The Best Players From Arizona And Play The Instructors Of The Camp Too !  
8 Rounds- 5 Minute Games.  
Prizes And Trophies In Under 800, Under 1100 And Open.  
Entry Fee: \$15 Per Player ( Advanced Entries, \$20 On Site )

### **June 28: Bughouse Tournament. “The Smartest Bug” How Good Is Your Partnership?**

7 Rounds- 5 Minute Games.  
You Can Pair With Anyone As Long As The Combined USCF Rating Does Not Exceed 3000 Points.  
Proof Of USCF Rating Required.  
2 Sections: Under 2000 Combined Ratings And Open.  
Prizes And Trophies For The Winners In Each Group.  
Entry Fee- \$15 Per Player.( Advanced Entries, \$20 On Site )

The On-Site Registration For Each Activity Starts At 4.45 PM. Rounds Start As Soon As Pairings Are Ready.  
Approximate End Time: 7:30 Pm On Each Day.

**Discount: \$40 Total For All 3 Activities.**

Location:  
Internationsl School Of Tucson  
1701 E Seneca St Tucson, AZ 85719  
(Near UMC)

\*\*\*\*\*Registration Form on page 2\*\*\*\*\*



## 7th Annual Western Alliance Tucson Summer Chess Camp Evening Activities Registration Form

To register, please mark the specific activity you intend to join and send this registration form along with the accompanying check. The cut-off date for the \$15 per activity is June 15. Please make checks payable to Arizona Chess for Schools.

Name\_\_\_\_\_Age\_\_\_\_\_

USCF Rating\_\_\_\_\_School\_\_\_\_\_

☐ June 26 Simultaneous Exhibition

☐ June 27 Blitz Tournament

☐ June 28 Bughouse

☐ June 30 USCF Rated Tournament ( please see Tournament Flyer for details)

Phone\_\_\_\_\_Email\_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_



## 7th Annual Western Alliance Tournament Registration

**June 30th, 2012**

Open to all Under 1800 USCF

**Location:** INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF TUCSON. 1701 E Seneca St, Tucson, AZ (near UMC)

**Description:** 4 rounds: 2 Sections. Open and Reserve (U 900), Open to all current USCF members.

**Time Control:** Game in 45. **Byes:** 1/2 point byes are available if requested prior to round 2 or before the tournament starts.

**Schedule:** 4 Rounds: 9 AM / 10:45 AM/ 12:30 PM/ 2:15 PM. Closing ceremony immediately after the rounds are completed. Pairings may be done in a way to make the best match-ups possible.

**Trophies:** Trophies and prizes in each section.

**Contact:** Levon Altounian (520) 891-3632 or laltounian@msn.com

**Fee:** \$15 Before June 25th, \$5 more by June 25th. FREE for the Camp participants. **NO on-site registration.**

Please make sure you are a current USCF member when you register or join BEFORE the tournament starts. Discuss it with Levon Altounian if you are not sure. **Please make checks payable to Arizona Chess For Schools.**

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**Please detach and mail to: Levon Altounian 2772 N. Neruda Ln, Tucson, AZ, 85712**

**Please make check payable to Arizona Chess for Schools**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Section (circle )   Open   Reserve (under 800)

Request a 1/2 point bye for round   1   2   3   4   none

USCF ID \_\_\_\_\_

USCF Exp. Date (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee \_\_\_\_\_

USCF Dues \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

