



**15th Annual Western Alliance
Tucson Summer Chess Camp
June 25-29, 2019**

Dear Chess Player,

You are cordially invited to participate in the 15th Annual Western Alliance Tucson Chess Camp. It will take place June 25-28th, 2019, coupled with a USCF rated tournament on the 29th, at the spacious International School of Tucson. It is open to all Beginners—up to 1900 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 2005, 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 80 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 15th 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	WGM Anjelina Belakovskaya
International Master Aleksei Dzulgher	National Master Bryan Hu
FIDE Master Ken Larsen	Master Zak Cancio
Expert Josh Leonard	Expert Matthew Coy
Coach Aaron Williams	Coach Ed Kestler

The studies at the Western Alliance 2019 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 25-Simultaneous Exhibition with a Master	June 26-Blitz Tournament
June 27-Bughouse Tournament	June 29-USCF-Rated Tournament

Trophies, medals and certificates for each activity will be available upon completion.

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) 1400-1900 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: \$350 if registered by June 18th, \$25 more by June 21st, and an additional \$25 by June 23rd (if space is still available). On site- \$450.
- \$100 non-refundable deposit by the postmarked date to reserve a spot.
- Family, school and group discounts available. Please email ACFS for details (LALTOUNIAN@MSN.COM).

Special Scholarship

ACFS has proudly offered scholarships for qualifying students for the past few years. Our sponsor for 2019 has not been engaged thus far. If you would like to sponsor children at our camp or any of our camp activities, please contact Levon Altounian at laltounian@msn.com or (520) 891-3632 for qualification information.

USCF-Rated Tournament

The International School of Tucson will host the Grand Prix #3 Tournament on June 29th, free for all Western Alliance '19 Camp participants.

Registration

Fill out the form below and mail to Levon Altounian at 711 E. Angeleno Ave. #103, Burbank, CA 91501 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. **Please make checks payable to Arizona Chess for Schools. Online payments using Paypal or credit card can be made at events4chess.com. Just search for the Western Alliance Tucson Summer Chess Camp June 25-29th on that website.**

Thank you,
Levon Altounian

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



**WESTERN ALLIANCE '19 REGISTRATION FORM
TUCSON CHESS CAMP, JUNE 25-29, 2019**



Name _____ Age _____

School _____ USCF Rating _____

Group _____ Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Deposit Amount/Full Payment _____ Date _____

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