

2012 Los Alamos County Championship

Saturday January 28, 2012

Aspen Elementary, Los Alamos (2182 33rd Street, Los Alamos)

Register at: <http://nmk12chess.org>

Sections are as follows:

- **Midget** open to players in grades 2 and below with USCF ratings below 300 or unrated;
- **Booster** open to players in grades 4 and below with USCF ratings below 500 or unrated;
- **Cadet** open to players in grades 6 and below with USCF ratings below 750 or unrated;
- **Novice** open to players in grades 12 and below with USCF ratings below 1000 or unrated;
- **Reserve** open to all players (adults and students) with USCF ratings below 1250 or unrated;
- **Championship** open to all players (adults and students); *LA County Champion will be the scholastic (K-12) Los Alamos resident(s) with the most points in the Championship Section.*

Saturday Jan. 28th, Aspen Elementary, 2182 33rd St, Los Alamos. Check-in/registration 8:30-9:15 am; first round begins promptly at 9:30 am. Scholastic sections should finish ~3:30pm, Reserve and Championship ~4:30pm. Top 7 finishers in Novice, Cadet, Booster and Midget sections will receive trophies, plus many honorable mention trophies too! The top 3 in the Championship and Reserve sections will receive cash awards - \$100 guaranteed for 1st place in Championship.

Swiss system pairings: Championship/Reserve 4 rounds G/50, Booster/Cadet/Novice 5 rounds G/35, Midget 6 rounds G/30. The USCF February Supplement will be used for ratings. Boards will be provided, but please bring a clock if you have one. Notation required except for Midget and Booster.

Breakfast concessions will be available at ~8:30 (including famous Chile Works Breakfast Burritos). Lunch concessions (pizza, frito pies, etc.) will be available after the first round. Plus fruits, chips, baked treats, sodas, juices, etc. Chess supplies (boards, clocks, computer games, etc.) will also be for sale. Buy food and supplies to support the chess club!

Entry fee: \$12 if postmarked or paid online by January 22nd, \$16 if received by February 26th, and \$20 thereafter and on-site the morning of the tournament. You can pay on-line after registration (<http://nmchess.dyndns.org/payforchess.html>) or mail checks to: Aspen Chess Club, 100 Aspen Dr, Los Alamos, NM 87544.

Membership in the USCF is required except for the Midget section. The discounted yearly membership for scholastic players is \$15 if under age 12, \$19 under 15, and \$23 under 24. This fee can be added at registration, or may be purchased (with enhanced options available) from [USCF Membership Website](#). Players may request half-point byes by advance arrangement. Note that this is an individual event – no team prizes, and pairing of teammates may occur in later rounds.

This is a great tournament for beginning players: the sections are tailored to beginners (in terms of rating/age limits) and the entry fee is waived for scholastic players joining the USCF for the first time!

Please register on-line at: <http://nmk12chess.org>. If you are unable to register on-line, or have other questions, please email aspenchess@comcast.net for help.