

2010 Los Alamos Kick-Off Chess Tournament

(previously known as Veterans Day Tourney, but this date works better – maybe we can call it the spooky tourney)

Saturday October 30, 2010

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

Register at: <http://nmchess.dyndns.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 700 or unrated;
- **Novice** open to players in grades 9 and below with USCF ratings below 900 or unrated;
- **Reserve** open to all players (adults and students) with USCF ratings below 1100 or unrated;
- **Championship** open to all players (adults and students);

Saturday Oct. 30th, Aspen Elementary, 2182 33rd St, Los Alamos. Check-in/registration 8:30-9:15 am; first round begins promptly at 9:30 am. The Midget section will be repaired as quickly as possible after each round and should finish by ~2:30 pm. Other sections should finish between 3:30 and 4:30. Top 7 finishers in Novice, Cadet, Booster and Midget sections receive trophies, plus many honorable mention trophies too! The top 3 in the Championship and Reserve sections will receive cash awards.

Swiss system pairings: Championship/Reserve 4 rounds G/50, Booster/Cadet/Novice 5 rounds G/35, Midget 6 rounds G/30. The USCF November Supplement will be used for ratings. Boards will be provided. If you have a clock, bring it.

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: \$12 if postmarked or paid online by October 16th, \$16 if payment received by October 28th, 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 the ideal tournament for beginning players: 1) the sections are tailored to beginners (in terms of rating and age limits), 2) the competition will include many other beginners because it's the first scholastic tournament of the year, and 3) the entry fee is waived for scholastic players joining the USCF for the first time!

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