

2009 Veterans Day Chess Tournament

Saturday November 7, 2009

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 Nov. 7th, 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. The other sections should finish at ~4:30 pm. Top 7 finishers in Novice, Cadet Booster and Midget sections will receive trophies and there will be 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 5 or 6 rounds G/30 (depending on size/interest). The USCF November Supplement will be used for ratings. Please bring chess boards and pieces, and especially clocks.

Breakfast concessions will be available at 8:00. Lunch concessions will be available after the tournament starts. Chess supplies/etc. also will be for sale.

Entry fee: \$12 if postmarked or paid online by October 24th, \$15 if received by November 5th, 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.

USCF Membership Required. This is a United States Chess Federation rated event. Membership in the USCF is required except for the Midget section. The discounted yearly membership for scholastic players is \$15 (or more for further benefits) if under age 12, \$19 under 15, and \$23 under 24. This fee can be added at registration, or may be purchased 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, especially 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 aspenschess@comcast.net for help.