

JAN 26, 2008 - The 4th Monte Vista Scholastic K-12th will be held on Saturday, January 26th. (Click here for [Results 2006](#).) The tournament for Kindergarten through 12th graders will be held at Monte Vista Elementary in Albuquerque NM. This tournament has **four USCF rated sections**, and **two not-rated sections for players who do not have a USCF rating (or whose USCF rating is below 200 points)**. Trophies will be given to the top 7 players in each section, and ribbons will be awarded to all tournament players. The awards ceremony will follow the final games.

All players should bring their own chess board, clock (highly recommended for rated players; not necessary for not-rated sections), pencils, notation sheets, or borrow the equipment from your school's chess club. Players in rated sections must have a current USCF membership or purchase one prior to the tournament. (See info below on purchasing or renewing USCF membership.) The cafeteria will be available for families to hang out during the tournament, and the school grounds feature a playground area for younger kids, a track, sidewalks and outdoor basketball court. (Sorry kids, **no skateboards** are allowed on campus). A concession stand will be available in the school cafeteria, restaurants and walk-tos are located nearby, and chess equipment will be available for sale on-site. This tournament is an excellent opportunity for players to sharpen their skills prior to the larger State Tournaments.

The four rated sections will be a **U600 (Booster)** section for players up through 6th grade, a **U800 (Novice)** section for players up through 9th grade, a **U1100 (Reserve)** section, and an **Open (Championship)** section. The two **Not-Rated** sections will be for grades **K-4th** and **5th-12th**

Number of Rounds and Time Controls: The **Not-Rated** sections, the **U600 (Booster)** and **U800 (Novice)** sections will play **5 games**. The **U1100 (Reserve)** and **Open/Championship** sections will play **4 games**. **Time limits** for the two Not-Rated sections and the U600 (Booster) and U800 (Novice) sections will 30 minutes for each player. (Called "**G/30**" in chess parlance.) The U1100/Reserve and the Open/Championship sections will be limited to 45 minutes for each player (i.e., **G/45**).

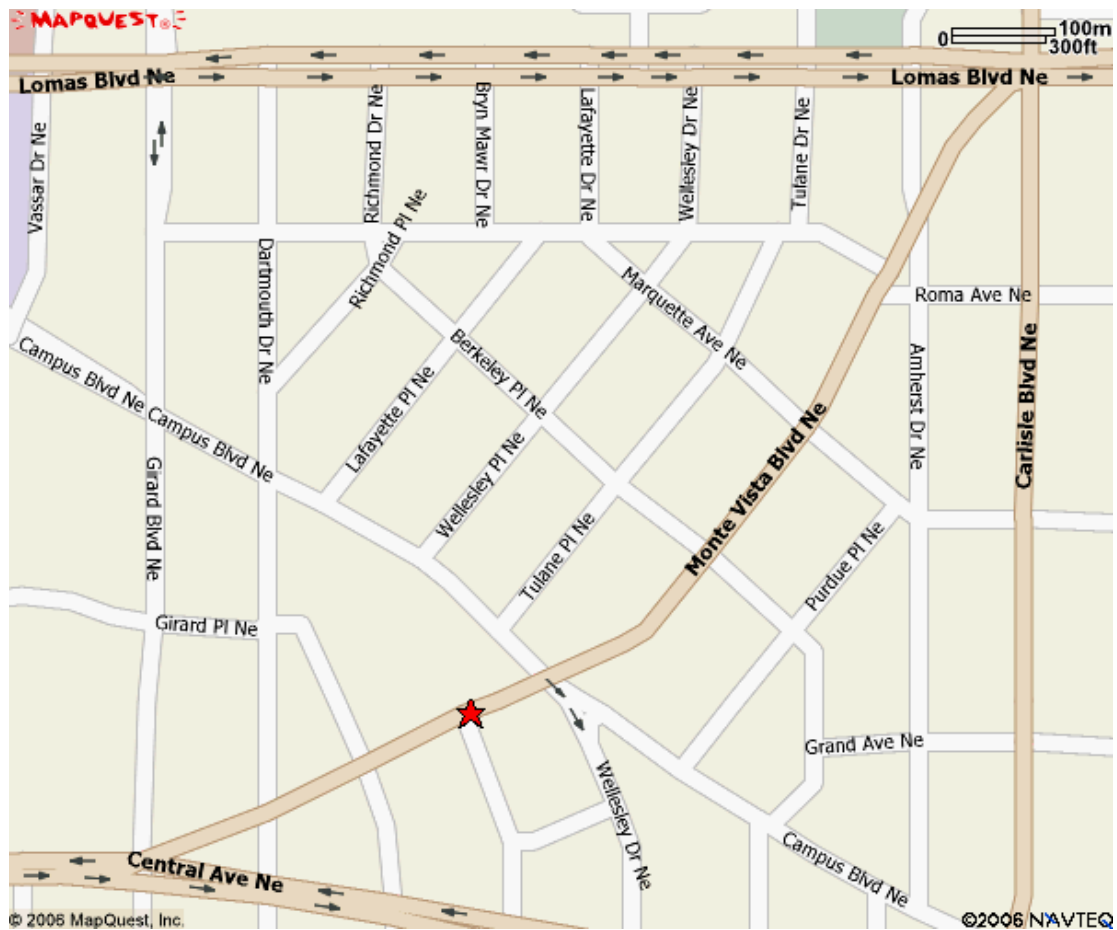
Approximate Start Times of Rounds: Round 1 for the Reserve/U1100 and Open/Championship sections will begin at 9 a.m. and Rounds 2, 3 and 4 at roughly 10:45 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2:15 pm, with the final game ending at about 3:45 p.m. (Note: 15 minutes is built in between rounds). Round 1 for the Not-Rated, U600/Booster, and U800/Reserve sections will begin at 9:30 a.m., and Rounds 2, 3, 4 and 5 will begin at roughly 10:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 1:30 p.m., and 2:45 pm, with the final game ending by roughly 3:45 pm. **Half-point byes for any round (except the last round)** are available if requested by 8 a.m. day of the tournament, by calling Laura Blalock at 505-877-1067. Half-point byes are for players who have other obligations and will need to miss one round only, but wish to play in the other rounds.

Registration: To register, complete the registration form below and mail to the contact person. Final registration and payment **due no later than Wednesday, January 23rd**. A Pre-Registration list will be posted online two weeks prior to the tournament to advise if registration/payment has been received. Players and parents need to check the final Pre-Registration list posted on **Thurs., Jan. 24th** to ensure their registration and payment has been received. Current USCF memberships can be purchased or renewed by calling the USCF at 1-800-903-USCF weekdays for more information or assistance, or online http://main.uschess.org/component/option.com_wrapper/Itemid,323/.

Special Provision for K-3rd Graders: K-3rd graders who have never had a USCF membership are eligible for a one-time Junior Tournament Player (JTP) membership that allows them to play in a USCF rated section without purchasing a USCF membership. (Players are eligible to apply for a JTP for one tournament only; previous JTP memberships cannot qualify for this tournament.)

Cost and More Information: \$15 per player, \$10 for a sibling, \$10 for Monte Vista alumni. School team discounts are available to school groups of 10 or more. For more information, contact Laura Blalock at laurablalock@yahoo.com, or call 505-877-1067.

DIRECTIONS: Monte Vista Elementary School, 3211 Monte Vista Blvd., NE, Albuquerque NM



From I-25 — Take I-40 east to Carlisle Boulevard. Exit right to Carlisle and go south about 1 mile. At the stoplight at Lomas Boulevard, cross Lomas and veer right onto Monte Vista Boulevard. Take Monte Vista about 1/2 mile, crossing Campus Blvd (stoplight). You will see Monte Vista Elementary School on your right. Turn right immediately past school parking lot; park behind the school or on adjoining streets. Parking is also allowed on Monte Vista Boulevard and Campus Boulevard.

From Central Avenue-Girard Boulevard-Monte Vista Boulevard Intersection: MVES is two blocks northeast of this intersection. You can access Monte Vista Elementary from Central by taking Girard Blvd. or Monte Vista Blvd. or Richmond Avenue one block north from Central. Parking is as described above.

REGISTRATION FORM (deadline for receipt of Registration is Wed, January 23rd)
Monte Vista K-12 Chess Tournament
January 26, 2008

Player Name _____ Player Phone No. _____

Player Address: _____

Player Grade _____ Player School _____

Parent Name and E-mail Address _____

USCF Membership No. and Expiration Date (if applicable): _____

Player's Most Recent USCF Rating: _____

Check Section for which you are registering:

Rated Sections: A current USCF Membership is needed for these four sections.

☒ **Open/Championship** (for players rated 1100 or higher, or are very strong players)

☒ **U1100/Reserve** (for players rated under 1100 or who do not yet have a rating)

☒ **U800/Novice** (for players rated under 800 rating or who do not yet have a rating)

☒ **U600/Booster** (for players rated under 600 rating or who do not yet have a rating)

Not-rated Sections: These sections will not be rated. Players in these sections are those players who have never been USCF members, or whose current USCF rating is 200 or below..

☒ K-4th Grade Non-rated

☒ 5th – 12th Non-Rated

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Chess Tournament: \$15 per player, \$10 for each sibling. \$10 for Monte Vista alumni players

Make check payable to:

Monte Vista Elementary

Mail to Tournament Coordinator:: **Laura Blalock, 3209 Jamesway SW, Albuquerque, NM 87121**
(505) 877-1067 with any questions you may have.