**WSCF Chess Camps**

**The beginner’s camps** are for those students who are new to chess or have some experience. We encourage students to come to camp knowing how to move the pieces. This can be done easily for free on many websites. One useful website is www.ChessKid.com where students can get a free basic membership and take the 1st six lessons. This camp will teach opening principles, the first six mating strategies and if time permits, then focus on some of the basic tactics including pins, forks, skewers, and discovered check. Students will participate in a 5 round tournament competing for trophies and medals. Grades 2 – 8

**The intermediate camps** are for those students who have participated in a previous club , class or camp and have learned some of the strategies from the beginner’s camp. Students will work on mastering the 6 basic mating strategies, six to ten of the most used tactics, opening principles and attacking strategies. Students will compete for trophies in a 5 round Swiss or round robin tournaments. Grades 2 – 12

In some cases, if there are not enough students for either class, then the two camps are combined.

**Minimum** 8 **Maximum** 24 **Minimum age:** 6 years and/or having completed 1st grade. Exceptions available upon request before camps begin.