

From: Youth Chess Charitable Foundation
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To: Chess Coaches/Parents/Participants
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RE: **Free Chess Instruction in Kern County on August 26, 2006.**

A free chess mini camp and chess instruction program in Kern County will be offered by Youth Chess Charitable Foundation, (YCCF) and The Torres Chess Academy at 1:00PM to 3:00PM on August 26, 2006.

It will be presented by Nationally Recognized Chess Expert, Chris Torres. Please contact Mr. Torres, President of The Torres Chess Academy, for advance registration at 661-663-8503 or email chesslessons@aol.com.

This first **free** chess instructional series (mini camp) in Kern County will be offered at the main meeting and training room of Kern Security Systems, Inc., located at 2701 Fruitvale Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93308. (Corner of Rosedale Hwy (Hwy 58) and Fruitvale Avenue.) **Please bring your own chessboards, pieces, and clocks.**

This chess instructional program/mini camp is open to all Intermediate and Advanced Scholastic Chess Players; Parents; School Teachers; Chess Coaches; School Principals; School Superintendents; and School Boards.

Only the first 100 registrants can be accommodated. Five (5) analog chess clocks will be awarded as door prizes.

This first instructional series/mini camp will focus on and discuss Ideas Behind Chess Opening Gambits. It will also serve as an introduction to Nationally Recognized Chess Expert, Mr. Chris Torres and the Torres Chess Academy. In Collaboration with, and under the auspices of the Youth Chess Charitable Foundation (YCCF), the Torres Chess Academy currently has already established **10 formalized after school chess programs in Kern County with professionally trained chess instructors commencing the fall 2006.**

One school district has **even** initiated an innovative and creative program called **“Chess as Part of the Curriculum” for all 5th graders in the school district.** The Goal, Mission and Vision of the Youth Chess Charitable Foundation (YCCF) and the Torres Chess Academy is to have a formalized chess program taught by professionally trained chess instructors in **every** school in Kern County by 2016 (10 years).

Why should we have chess in every single school in Kern County?

Multiple chess studies over the past twenty (20) years have conclusively proven that **randomly selected chess control groups have shown overwhelming superiority (21.46% difference) over many non-chess control groups** (including individual tutoring) **in the critical area of mathematical problem solving, and are 99 times more likely to score significantly higher on standardized reading tests!!**

We will discuss **how** parents in Kern County Schools can finally have their own children receive similar benefits from chess. We will discuss how Schools, Teachers, Principals, Superintendents, and School Boards can finally both help their students, and **dramatically** improve school and student standardized test results and scores. **If they choose!!**

Chess also has been conclusively proven to help children develop critical thinking skills; self worth; self-esteem; responsibility for their actions; gives them the mental tools to reach solutions to problems; and most importantly, teaches them **how to think!!**

Please come to this initial chess instructional series/mini camp and let's all demonstrate to Mr. Torres how much Kern County supports scholastic chess instruction and how much we want formalized, successful scholastic chess programs taught by professionally trained instructors in **all** Kern County Schools.

I want to thank Ms. Debbie Ormande, Vice President and owner of Kern Security Systems, Inc. for the use of their meeting and training room; their facilities; and for their, and her, incredible support of Scholastic Chess over the years.

The Torres Chess Academy is a 501 (C) (3) federally recognized nonprofit organization. Your donations would be graciously accepted; greatly appreciated; and would be tax deductible. All donations will be used to help defray the cost of chess instruction and materials to be used in our schools.

Viva Chess

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