

From : Youth Chess Charitable Foundation  
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To : Parents, Participants, Coaches, Teachers, Principals, News Media  
Date : February 28, 2008

RE : **March 29, 2008 Kern County Scholastic Chess Championship\* (\*Open to all Scholastic Players, including those outside of Kern County) – Over \$3,500 in Cash Prizes Guaranteed; Over 200 Trophies; and over 100 Medals**

**Come One; Come All! All Scholastic Chess Players from Kindergarten thru Grade 12 in High School are welcome. Do not miss out on over \$3,500 of Cash Awards and lots of trophies (over 200) and medals (over 100). Plus Large Gold Medallion for the Kern County Champion in each of six Championship Sections (i.e. K; 1<sup>st</sup>; K-3; K-6; K-8; and K-12).**

**Plus \$2,728 of Free entries (for Kern County residents only) to 2008 Western States Single Grade Scholastic Chess Championships on April 11 to 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at Marriott Ventura Beach Hotel, in Ventura, California.**

Last year Teams from Northern California, Fresno, Kern, LA, OC, San Bernardino, SD, SLO and Tulare participated. In the past, we also have had Individual players from Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah and Washington State participate.

**We expect over 400 participants and over 80 teams from various schools and clubs to participate. (Los Angeles County; Orange County; the Coast; and San Joaquin Valley are always well represented).**

In the past, there has been some confusion regarding our Kern County Scholastic Chess Championship.

The following information addresses the most frequently asked questions on our Kern county Scholastic Chess Championships to be held on March 29, 2008 at Cesar E. Chavez Science Magnet School in Bakersfield (**ENTRY FORM AND SCHEDULE OF CASH PRIZES ATTACHED**).

**Anyone and any team can play, not just Kern County residents and teams. However, the top place participant and team from Kern County will be the “Kern County Champion” even if they do not finish first in their section. **THERE WILL BE OVER 200 TROPHIES AND PLAQUES AWARDED AS WELL AS OVER \$3,500 IN CASH PRIZES.** (See attached information sheet on cash prizes).**

**KERN COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES AND CASH PRIZES ARE ONLY AWARDED IN INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP SECTIONS AND COMBINED TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP SECTIONS – NOT IN JUNIOR VARSITY SECTIONS (ie: U 400; U600; U800; U1000 and unrated).**

Teams and participants from **OUTSIDE** of Kern County are eligible for **trophies, plaques AND CASH AWARDS** (See attached Information Sheet on Cash Prizes). **However, they cannot be a Kern County Champion and will not receive a Kern County Champion Gold Medallion.** Only a player and a team **from** Kern County can receive that designation.

There are **5 Combined Team** (i.e. K-1; K-3; K-6; K-8; and K-12) and **6 Individual Championship sections** (i.e. K Champ; 1<sup>st</sup> Champ; K-3 Champ; K-6 Champ; K-8 Champ; K-12 Champ). Each section will have a Kern County Team Champion and a Kern County Individual Champion.

- Date - 03/29/08 – Saturday
- **Location – Cesar E. Chavez Science Magnet School, 4201 Mesa Marin Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93306-8308**
- Format - 5 Round Swiss System; game 30 minutes – **PLEASE BRING CHESS CLOCKS**
- **PLEASE NOTE: - FORMAT - 9 INDIVIDUAL SECTIONS AND 5 COMBINED TEAM SECTIONS**
  - **9 INDIVIDUAL SECTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**  
[K CHAMP; 1 CHAMP; K-3 U400 & U/R; K-3 CHAMP; K-6 U600 & U/R; K-6 CHAMP; K-8 U800 & U/R; K-8 CHAMP; K-12 CHAMP]
  - **5 COMBINED TEAM SECTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**  
[K-1; K-3; K-6; K-8; K-12]
- Lots of Trophies (**over 200**); individual and category; and **23** team prizes **plus Large Gold Medallion for Kern County Champion** in each of six Championship Sections (i.e. K; 1<sup>st</sup>; K-3; K-6; K-8; and K-12).
- **ENTRY FEE \$30; LATE FEE \$50 AFTER WEDNESDAY (03/26/08); ALL ENTRIES AFTER WEDNESDAY (03/26/08) ARE LATE**
- **Late entries receive ½ PT bye and DO NOT play 1<sup>st</sup> round**
- Directions and other information on entry form. Please go to website for entry forms and other information on Cash Awards..
- Website: [www.youthchess.com](http://www.youthchess.com); Email: [youthchessorg@aol.com](mailto:youthchessorg@aol.com)
- Please make all checks payable to **YCCF [Youth Chess Charitable Foundation]**
- The mailing address for payment is :  
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Viva Chess!

David A. Huff

Attachments : Entry Form and Schedule of Cash Prizes