



The Summit Chess Club

The Summit Chess Club starts up again on August 29. We will be meeting on Tuesdays at 4:15, finishing up by 5:30. Parents are welcome to join us. Membership is free and boards and sets are provided.

All Chess Club members will get to participate in the semester-long **Fall Ladder** tournament. The winner of the ladder will become the club champion and their name will join Landon's, the current club champ, on the plaque kept in Summit's trophy case. Members gain points in the ladder both through winning and participation. One point is granted for each game played. If the game is not a draw, the winner receives another point. Members can play up to two ladder games per meeting.

Members will also have the opportunity to represent The Summit in **tournaments at Drury University**. The Drury Cup, in which schools and Boys and Girls Clubs will compete as teams, will be held on September 21. Members are encouraged to play in the scholastic section of the Springfield Open, Springfield's biggest chess tournament of the year. Drury will be hosting this event on the weekend of November 4. We will wrap up the semester with an individual youth tournament called the Santa Claus Open on December 7. USCF members are also welcome to play in the monthly Panther RBO's at Drury.

The Summit Chess Team

We are trying something new this semester. Any active Chess Club member can join the Summit Chess Team. However, unlike casual club membership, team members will have to be more involved. In order to be on the Summit Chess Team certain requirements have to be met. These will include things like club attendance requirements, learning notation, mastery of skills like the opening principles, etc.

Once a team is established, I will set up matches against other clubs, like Drury's, the Springfield Park Board's, and MSU's. My hope is to eventually establish a league in Springfield that will include other local schools. I will also try to establish teams at the Boys and Girls Clubs where I run chess clubs, which would provide two more opponents to join in.

I am looking forward to starting up a new school year and hope to see all the familiar faces from last year and a few new ones. Please contact me with any questions or to introduce yourself. Also, let me know if members would like a **Summit Chess Club t-shirt**. If there is enough interest, I will put together an order.

Thank you,

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