

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Why Play Chess?

Chess does for your mind what athletic exercise does for your body. To develop one and not the other is like being physically fit on only one side of your body. (Besides, it's a lot of fun!)

### What if I can't come all week?

Then come when you can. Call us to see what arrangements can be made.

### How do you decide who plays whom?

Players are paired according to their ratings. If a player isn't yet rated, we will assign one to get them started. Our tournaments are rated with Canada's national scholastic chess association, Chess'n Math Ass'n (CMA), and Chess Express Ratings (CXR).

### What is a rating?

A rating is a numerical evaluation of your strength based on the history of your wins and losses in a given player pool. When you beat someone with a higher rating yours goes up; if you lose to someone lower yours goes down, etc. Its purpose is to help tournament administrators pair players. Your rating will reflect your playing strength in your player pool after about 25-30 rated games.

### Will my computer rating count?

No. It's only good on your computer.

### What's all that CFC, CMA, CXR stuff?

The CFC is the Chess Federation of Canada, our only chess association that is recognized internationally. Anyone can join. The CMA is the Chess'n Math Ass'n, Canada's national scholastic chess association. Its focus is limited to children and youth from kindergarten to gr 12 only. CXR is Chess Express Ratings, a very useful ratings and measurement service based in New York which anyone can join. CXR provides graphical indicators of every member's improvement status – a feature many parents appreciate!

### What are Simcoe Saturdays?

Simcoe Saturdays is our weekly year-round program for kids. The daily structure is much the same as Summer Camp (lesson, social time, rated tournaments). We meet most Saturdays from

Sept to May at the Ferris Lane Community Church, 49 Ferris Lane, Barrie. We often have a lively mix of drop-ins and regular attendees. Call us for full details.

### What Levels of Instruction Do You Teach?

Beginners, intermediate, and advanced.

### Who is the Head Instructor?

Yuri Lebedev, a full-time professional chess teacher who lives in Toronto, drives up each day to teach our Summer Camp; and he does the same each Saturday from Sept to May for our Simcoe Saturday program. He began teaching chess full-time for the government of the former Soviet Union at one of their specialty schools for chess. He was the Senior Instructor and Department Head. He has also participated in elite international chess camps for selected players and coaches.

### What are GrassRoots Chess Challenges?

These tournaments are fundraisers to help us achieve our goal: to establish and maintain a vibrant chess community in the Simcoe area. They are held the last Saturday in April and the last Saturday in October. Everyone in our community who can play chess is welcome. Profits are mostly directed to our Simcoe Saturday programs for kids.

### I don't play chess but our community should have a club like this. How can I help?

You can spread the word about us! Why not place one of our posters in your cafeteria? Do you know a business that will display our brochures? If you want more involvement, we'd welcome your time, whether it's a little or a lot.

**Contact Mary at 705-323-3430.**

### What is your connection with the Ferris Lane Community Church?

The Ferris Lane Community Church and Daycare are our very good friends. They connect with our community in ways that make an important difference. **Contact Pastor Mark at to learn more, 722-6620.**

### What is your connection with the Optimist Club of Barrie?

We are an Optimist Club of Barrie venture. If you would like to join the Optimist Club of Barrie, **contact President Bryan Whittaker, 722-7923.**



## Simcoe County Chess Club's SUMMER CAMP

at



*Ferris Lane Community Church  
49 Ferris Lane, Barrie*

# August 17 - 21

**12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Ages 6 - 18**

# \$120

register early to avoid disappointment!

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