

## CalChess State Scholastic Championships 2007

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Three months ago I posted online at both the CalChess.org and the CalChessScholastics.org sites the complete information about the 32nd Annual CalChess State Scholastic Championships. As many of you know, our youth State Championships is the largest event held in California each year. In 2006, we registered 1350 players from pre-Kindergarten through twelfth grade. This year I hope we will have even more players at the San Mateo Expo Center on April 28 and April 29. I know I will be providing many more awards and prizes on top of the collectable participant pins each child will receive.

At the time of my initial posting and distribution of information, I requested that you do not register until after December 1. I was awaiting the program that would permit us to automate the complete application process this year. It is now up and running smoothly--knock wood.

You can read all the information about the event--and, there is a lot--at <http://www.CalChessScholastics.org>. At the bottom of that web page there are a fair number of links. I start out with a button to take you to the online entry form. The second row of buttons allows you to download the information sheet in either a Word Document or PDF form. Perhaps the most important button for those of you who have never been to the States before is the FAQs. This takes you to the Frequently Asked Questions page. I have tried to respond to

those questions I have had the most call to answer. I urge not just the first timers, but everyone to read my responses. If you feel I have left out information that would enable you or others to feel more comfortable coming to the event, please send me your question--[alan@calchessscholastics.org](mailto:alan@calchessscholastics.org) or [alan@calchess.org](mailto:alan@calchess.org). One of the most important buttons at the bottom of the information page is the one that asks for -- begs for -- volunteers.

The success of the event is predicated upon those of you who are willing to put in some time to help. Besides the feeling of satisfaction knowing you have contributed to the fun and enjoyment of the children, CalChess will refund your child's entry fee. So please do go to <http://www.calchessscholastics.org/States2007/Volunteers.html> and check off all the things you are willing to do and our Volunteer Coordinators will find a suitable place for your help.

If your school or club has a group coming and would like to reserve a team area for a nominal fee, you can do so at: <http://www.calchessscholastics.org/States2007/TeamRental.html>. This must be done by April 6 in order for CalChess to order the extra tables and chairs as well as the pipe and drape to set off your reserved space.

For those of you not familiar with our States let me just add that there are sections and events for every level of player from Novice to Champion chess players. Besides the main event, on Friday night, we have bughouse. On Saturday night, we will have blitz competition. Individuals will be available on Saturday and Sunday to go over the players games -- for no cost. A chess boutique will have everything from chess key chains to chess computers. I might add that National Chess and Games always brings a phenomenal selection of books and everything is at a discounted price.

In closing, I would plead with you to get your entries in as early as possible. Even with our new automated entry form, I fear the system could break down if, as usual, one third the entries register in during the week preceding the Championships -- <http://www.CalChessScholastics.org>

Chess is Forever,

Alan