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Caveman Chess Camp – Chicago

Handbook

At Elmhurst University
190 S. Prospect Avenue
Elmhurst, IL 60126



CAVEMAN
(CHESS) LLC

Check-In Time and Place

July 16, 2023 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Frick Center, Elmhurst University

190 S Prospect Ave,

Elmhurst, IL 60126

GPS Coordinates: 41.896333, -87.9461

2023 Handbook

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Welcome to Caveman Chess Camp

Caveman Chess LLC welcomes you to Caveman Chess Camp – Chicago 2023. Please read this booklet carefully before camp and bring it with you to camp. It answers questions about what to bring to camp, and about what to expect at camp.

What to Bring

Chess Equipment

If you have a standard tournament set, board, and digital chess clock, please bring these items to camp. The digital chess clock should have both **Delay** (aka Bronstein) and **Increment** (aka Bonus) features.

Caveman Chess Camp will have equipment available for campers to check out prior to tournament games, but it is important to have your own equipment. If you wish to purchase a set, board, or clock prior to camp, the following websites are a good source: www.uscfsales.com/ or www.wholesalechess.com. **Amazon** also carries equipment with fast delivery. We strongly encourage you to mark your name or initials on every item you bring, including the bottom of each piece of your chess set. (Let the bottoms dry before setting them on a board!) Please bring a carrying case for your equipment that can easily be taken from one site to another. Players with equipment will be asked to bring it to every chess-related activity. Learning to be prepared, is part of learning to be a good player.

Clothing

Basic summer clothing such as shorts, t-shirts, and comfortable walking shoes are suggested. Please bring at least one sweatshirt or jacket and a pair of socks. The daily tournament and class sessions are held in air-conditioned buildings. There will be opportunities for outdoor group sports such as soccer, softball, frisbee, etc. so bring appropriate shoes and clothing to participate in these activities.

Personal Care Items

Bring all personal care items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, hair dryer, etc. Toilet paper is provided for each dorm quad; no other personal items are provided.

What to Expect

Residence Halls

Residence halls come in two variations. In the first variation, a floor shares a communal bathroom and shower, separated by gender. Floors also share a large lounge, with kitchenettes and a TV. Each room is typically equipped with two single beds. In the second variation, suites share a bathroom. Each suite typically has two rooms, each equipped with two single beds. The bathroom is arranged in three semi-private areas for toilet, shower, and sink, allowing three of the four residents to use the facilities simultaneously. Unless a camper has extenuating

circumstances, we cannot control which variation they are placed into.

If you haven't indicated a preference for roommate or single, you will be assigned roommates who are as near your age as possible. Each residential camper will receive a linen packet with sheets, pillow slip, towel, and washcloth. Beds will have a pillow and blanket.

Optional items you may want to bring include a small fan, reading lamp, and alarm clock. Please do not bring valuable personal items. Some campers are more comfortable with an extra blanket or two (one to serve as a "mattress pad") and their own pillow. This is dorm life. Do not bring candles – but an air freshener may be nice.

Telephones

Campers must silence and not use cell phones during tournaments and classes. Please do not call during tournaments and classes.

Internet Access

Free Wi-Fi access is available: **Network:** Bluejay Guest. Follow the instructions. It will request your full name and email address.

Keys

Residence hall rooms are accessed by a key, with an additional key to your room which will be issued to you at check-in. Campers are responsible for keeping track of their room keys at all times. **The charge for room key replacement is \$150.00 for each key. If lost, these fees will be assessed to the camper if their key is not returned at check-out.**

Meals

At check-in, you will receive a paper bracelet for use during the camp. Do not remove or damage it, as it determines which of the camp's two meal plans you are in (resident or non-resident) and makes you eligible for the meal plan. Without the bracelet, campers will have to pay for the meals yourself. Please take care of it.

Spending Money and Miscellaneous

You may wish to bring money for use in the coffee shop, vending machines, or for evening pizza delivery. Other items to consider: camera, umbrella/rain poncho, chess scorebook, mechanical pencil.

Check-in and Check-out

Check-in is in the Frick Center.
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Sunday Check-In

Upon arrival, all campers – residential and commuters - should proceed directly to the Frick Center (see enclosed campus map). Campers should arrive between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Campers who need to arrive before 2:00 p.m. or after 5:00 p.m. should notify us in advance by emailing Camp Co-Director Deborah Socha at dsocha@cavemanchess.com or calling (224) 985-5246

There will be a blitz tournament during these hours in the Frick Center

Dinner on Sunday runs from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. in the lower level of Frick Center, followed at 6:00 by an orientation meeting and simultaneous exhibition (simul) in the Founder's Lounge in the upper level of Frick Center. All campers and the instructional staff will attend. Campers should bring their chess equipment to Sunday dinner, as dinner is near the simul and campers will go directly from dinner to the simul.

Monday – Thursday

Monday through Thursday campers will wake up, shower, dress. They then take their chess equipment, check out of the dorm with counselors, and go with counselors to breakfast in the lower level of Frick Center. Following breakfast, they go to the championship tournament. After their game is complete, they proceed to a game review with their instructors. At 10:30, game review ends and campers proceed to their first class.

Friday Check-Out

Campers (who are not staying for the Junior or Senior Open) will be given time Friday morning to pack and clean their rooms before breakfast and will bring their bags to after breakfast. Parents are encouraged to attend the closing ceremonies at 11:00 a.m. Location to be decided.

After packing, please empty the trash and leave the room exactly as you found it upon check-in, with the mattress pad, pillow and folded blanket left on the bed. Bed linens and towels should be left inside the pillowcase outside the door. Damage to the rooms will be assessed to campers.

Important Numbers!

Locked out of your room?

8:00AM to Midnight: Call the West Front Desk at

Midnight to 8:00AM: Call Campus Safety at

If there is an emergency, please call the following numbers in this order:

Elmhurst Police Department at 911

Elmhurst University Public Safety at [630-617-3000](tel:630-617-3000)

[Conferences Duty Phone - \(630\) 441-4060](tel:630-441-4060) or [\(630\) 441-4082](tel:630-441-4082)

Also notify a counselor or the Camp Director or Co-Director, or call (224) 985-5245

Non-resident Campers, Parking

Some of the information in this booklet applies only to resident campers, but we hope it will also answer non-resident's questions. Non-residents should follow the same check-in procedures; your assigned residence hall is West Hall. Plan to attend the Sunday dinner, orientation meeting, and simultaneous exhibition.

Beginning Monday, non-resident campers should be at Frick Center, each morning by 7:50 a.m. Since individual travel arrangements and evening activities vary, commuters under age 18 and their parents should discuss their pick-up plans (time and location) each day with their counselors.

Commuter fees include lunch and dinner daily and commuters are welcome to participate in each evening's special activity.

Parking

Elmhurst University does not require parking passes. There are several lots located near West Hall. There is also a lot located across Alexander Boulevard from Jean Koplín Memorial Hall (formerly Circle Hall)

The Weeks' Activities

Daily Schedule

A tentative schedule for the week follows. The final schedule will be in the packet you receive at check-in. Any changes will be discussed at morning announcements.

Tentative Camp Schedule: Event, Time and Location (subject to change)

All events at Frick Center (FC) or Jean Koplín Memorial Hall (JK) (formerly Circle Hall) unless otherwise indicated. Final schedule which will be announced Sunday, 7/16.

Sunday: Simultaneous Exhibition 6:00 p.m. (Likely FC)
Monday: Movie Night or Outdoor Sports (Quad in front of FC)
Tuesday: Blitz Championship (FC or JK)
Wed: Quick Chess (US Chess Rated, must be US Chess member) (FC or JK)
Thursday: Bughouse Championship (FC or JK)
Friday: Survivor simul: 8:00, done at 10:45 (FC or JK)
Closing Ceremonies, 11:00 am

The Championship Tournament (Unrated)

Campers will be divided into sections for an unrated G/60 tournament with a daily round. (Two rounds Thursday, a.m. and p.m.) Trophies will be awarded at the Closing Ceremonies to the top 2-3 finishers in each section, depending upon the number of sections and players per section. This tournament is used for competitive training and analysis by the instructional staff with the campers.

Class Sessions

There will be three 90-minute class sessions per day. Campers will be divided into groups and assigned to an instructor. A rotation schedule allows students to study with their lead instructor for approximately half of the class sessions and with other members of the staff for the remaining classes. Class assignments will be provided in a packet at check-in.

Blitz, Quick Chess & Bughouse

Players wishing to participate in the 5-minute Blitz tournament, the Quick Chess Tournament, or the Bughouse tournament on Thursday night, will be asked to sign up in advance on sheets posted in the tournament room. Play in these events is optional, but all non-playing regular campers under 18 must attend and observe these events. The Quick Chess tournament will be U.S. Chess rated, so players should make sure that their US Chess membership is up-to-date!

Evening Activities and Intensive Study

More information will be available at camp about evening activities scheduled for Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. These will include lectures designed for our adult and Intensive Study participants. For lecture titles, please see <https://www.cavemanchess.com/camps-2>

Individual Consultations

The final meeting with the instructor during the week will be devoted to a consultation between campers and their lead instructor. At this session, instructors will assist students in planning courses of further study.

Policies and Procedures

Daily Check-ins

Campers will check in with a counselor each morning at a designated spot in their Residence hall. After breakfast, all campers must be in the Frick Center by 7:55, ready to play by 8:00 a.m. Counselors will check classrooms at the beginning of each period to be sure that all campers are accounted for. There will also be a check-in procedure prior to each evening's special activity and a room check each night at 10:00 p.m.

ALL PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 ARE REQUIRED TO OBSERVE CHECK-INS! Check-ins are designed to insure campers, instructors and counselors a safe and stress-free week.

Camp and Campus Rules and Regulations

Camp and campus rules and regulations can be found on the Caveman Chess Camp web page, and it will be emailed to the campers. **All campers are required to sign the Participant Behavior Agreement and bring it to camp on the first day.**

Health Information

If you have any special concerns or needs, please notify us in advance at dsocha@cavemanchess.com or call 224-985-5246.

Contact Information

For questions about registration or what to bring to camp, contact: dsocha@cavemanchess.com or call 224-985-5246.

For questions about class activities or placement, contact:

Kevin Bachler, Director, Kevin_Bachler@cavemanchess.com

Messages to Campers

If you need to leave a message for a camper, please call the camp message service at +1 224-985-5246 or email dsocha@cavemanchess.com. You may leave a detailed message at this number any time, day or night; messages will be checked frequently from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and will be delivered in a timely manner. If the message is urgent (but not an emergency), please indicate this when you call.

Mail: Mail to campers should be addressed as follows:

Elmhurst University
Attn: Mica Matney, Goebel Hall
Camper Name, Caveman Chess
190 S. Prospect
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Mail will be delivered to campers daily. If you are sending an urgent package, please notify us in advance so that we can assure that it is delivered as soon as we receive it. Mail received after the party has left will be returned to sender – so please include your return address.

Emergency After Hours Messages

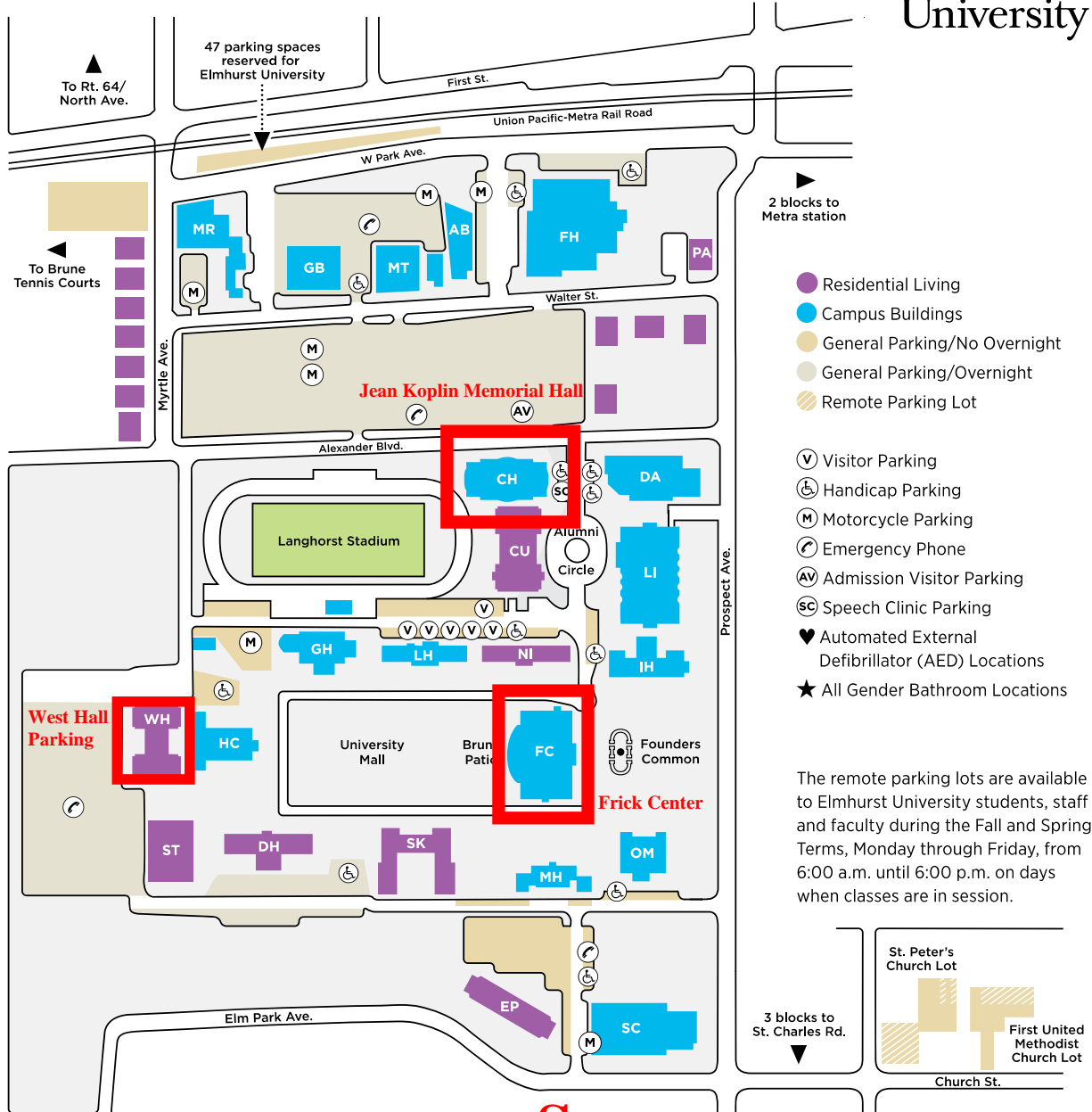
Campus security will deliver emergency messages between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

Dial +1 224-985-5245 to leave a message. Indicate that the message is an emergency, and also email dsocha@cavemanchess.com and kevin_bachler@cavemanchess.com

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AB	Accelerator ArtSpace ★	GB	Grounds Building	MT	Mill Theatre ♥
CH	Circle Hall Jean Koplín Memorial Hall	GH	Goebel Hall	NI	Niebuhr Hall ★♥
CU	Cureton Hall ★	HC	Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel ♥	OM	Old Main ★
DA	Daniels Hall	IH	Irion Hall	PA	Prospect Apartments
DH	Dinkmeyer Hall ★	LH	Lehmann Hall ♥	SC	Schaible Science Center ♥
EP	Elm Park Apartments	LI	A.C. Buehler Library ♥	SK	Schick Hall ★
FC	Frick Center ★♥	MH	Memorial Hall	ST	Stanger Hall ★
FH	R.A. Faganel Hall & Tyrrell Fitness Center ★♥	MR	103 Myrtle	WH	West Hall ★