15th Annual Western Invitational Chess Camp

July 15-19, 2018 (Tournament: July 20-22)

Hilton El Conquistador Resort, Tucson, AZ

The Premier and Strongest Chess Camp in the U.S.

Invitational Camp: Players grouped by **peak** USCF rating (adults welcome!) Last year - **20+ rated over 2000!!**
Group size and rating cut-offs vary each year -- typical rating cutoffs (not guaranteed!!):
Group 1: 2100+ Group 2: 1900-2099
Group 3: 1750-1899 Group 4: 1550-1750
Group 5: Under 1550
***Minimum rating of 1500** to attend, some exceptions available – contact organizer

Relevant Dates: Camp: July 15-19, 2018 (**Sunday July 9 thru Thursday July 13**).
Ye Olde Pueblo: **Strong** Open event- same hotel, July 20-22 (register www.events4chess.com).
Arrival date: **July 14 if flying, otherwise July 15 in morning**. Announcements at 8:40 am Sunday!
Departure date: July 20 if not playing tournament; July 23 otherwise
Airport pick-up: Camp representative pick-up and drop-off to airport for camp attendees flying in for **arrivals on July 14, between 10 am and 7 pm only, and July 15 (flights by 1:00 pm). No transportation on July 22 or 23.**

Past Instructors: GM's Kaidanov, Hess, Shulman, Onischuk, Christiansen, Yermolinsky, Khachiyan, Ramirez, Friedel, Sadorra, Naroditsky, Zherebukh, Ipatov, Molner; IM's Rensch, Bartholomew, Coleman, Altounian, Ginsburg; IM-Elects Robby Adamson, Joel Banawa, FM's Atoufi, Larsen; WFM Cardona

Registration: Cost is $800.00. To reserve spot, register online with a non-refundable deposit of $250 at www.events4chess.com (Paypal fee about $20,) or mail $250.00 deposit by May 1 to: Tucson Chess, LLC, 6230 N. Calle Del Halcon, Tucson, AZ 85718. Balance of fee ($550.00) and registration forms due by July 1, 2018. **Meal plan - pay online**.
Note: **$100 discount if attended before. Late registration after June 1, add $100.00**

Lodging: Tucson El Conquistador Resort, 10000 N. Oracle Road, Tucson, AZ 85704 (4-star resort) is site for the camp and tournament after. Parents accompany young students; **contact Organizer for students room sharing**. **Group Code is WICC**. Rate is $99 per night; Suites available – contact hotel for details. Some years, hotel sells out so please don't wait until last minute!

Meals: Meal plan available, contact organizer for menu. Meals can also be purchased at hotel.

Typical Schedule: Classes 9:00 am to 12:30 pm; lunch 12:30 to 1:45 pm; tournament game and last class 1:45pm to 5:00 pm (includes recorded game + review by instructor). Evening activities after dinner.

Special Activities: Blitz, Bughouse, Movie night (NEW), Practical Exercises, 1 on 1 evaluation w/ instructors at end of the camp, Instructor Awards, Awards Banquet Thursday night (7/19), adults add $25/person.

Questions: Robby Adamson, Organizer, (520) 577-6799 or robzadamson@msn.com

Info: **Camp Website: www.westernchesscamp.com** Registration forms available on website.
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