

Georgetown Middle School and the Greater Peoria Chess Federation will be sponsoring the 38th Annual Tazewell County Chess Tournament on Saturday, February 20, 2016 in Marquette Heights. Tazewell County students in grades three through eight will compete at Georgetown Middle School. Robert Ketcham, Principal, has again graciously offered to host the tournament. The school will be providing a concession stand. A menu and price list will be sent later with your confirmation.

Registration Form on p. 3

Each grade level is a separate contest (with the exception of a 3rd/4th combination) with awards for the top ten individuals at that grade level. Trophies will be awarded for the top three individuals and a medallion for each in 4th through 10th place at their grade level. **Pupils must register at their own grade level.** A maximum of 64 individuals for each grade level has been set with five rounds to be played. An adult is to supervise his or her own players. **Schools do not need to have a chess club for students to participate, and individual entries are welcome.**

We will follow the schedule listed as much as possible; however, participants will be notified when each round is beginning:

- 8:30 Participants arrive and check in
- 9:00 First round begins
- 9:45 Second round
- 10:30 Third round
- 11:30-12:00 Lunch (Pupils may bring a sack lunch and concessions will be available.)
- 12:00 Fourth round
- 12:45 Fifth round
- 1:30 Awards

Scheduled times may vary depending on length of time needed to finish some games.

Tournament games will all be played with standard Staunton pieces. Pupils may bring chess sets or table games for their use in the relaxation area. We will need a few volunteers to serve as monitors on a full day or half day basis in the relaxation area.

In the past few years we have been able to accommodate all of the youngsters who wanted to participate and will accept the children for registration by name. If we do see a problem develop during registration at any grade level due to too many registrants, I will contact individual schools for revision.

A fee of \$4:00 per entrant is to be sent with the registration with the check made payable to Georgetown Middle School.

Substitutes may be sent for registered players. They should report in with the name of the absent player and their own name. We might also be able to accept a few players on a standby basis for others that registered but cannot come.

We do not use Chess Federation rating and do not need a school rank.

Officers and members of the Greater Peoria Chess Federation have assisted us in setting up the tournament and will serve as directors and officials. We greatly appreciate their assistance.

If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact me at 266-6547 or e-mail at jcwebb@juno.com.

Please send the registration (including name, address, grade level, phone number, and school or home

schooled) and fees to my home by February 5, 2016. I will send confirmation, tournament rules, directions, and a concessions menu to you. Clubs may use the registration form as always.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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