

Granite Gambit Chess Festival

Hello Everyone,

It is almost here! On May 4, 2024, Chess in Education-US in conjunction with New Hampshire Chess Association (NHCA) and the New Hampshire Department of Education, will sponsor the first annual **Granite Gambit Chess Festival!** The festival will be held at **Memorial High School** which is located on 1 Crusader Way, in Manchester, NH.

Events

The **New Hampshire Chess Association** (NHCA) is hosting three events in the cafeteria at Memorial High School. The three events are:

1. An unrated Scholastic Tournament
2. A Blitz tournament
3. A Bughouse Tournament.

In addition **Chess in Education - US** is sponsoring the following events:

- swiss mini game tournament
- chess puzzle activities
- chess teaching sessions
- chess art, tandem chess
- treasure hunt
- simultaneous game

Participants are welcome to play as many or as few of these events as they choose.

Registration

[Pre-register a student online](#) on or before April 23 to qualify for the discounted \$5.00 fee and avoid online registration lines.

Onsite registration is open from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. There will be two tables set up in the lobby. One table will check in and collect payment for those who have pre-registered. The second table will process and collect payment for onsite registrants. There is plenty of parking in the front of the high school. The doors will open at **8:30 a.m.** to the public.

Fees

The cost for pre-registration by April 23 is \$5.00. The fee for onsite registrations or online registrations after April 23 is \$7.00 per student. Payment by cash or cheques made out to **Chess in Education - US** are required. All registration payments will be due on the day of the event.

Participants and parents are welcome to bring their own lunch. A variety of food and refreshments will be available on site. This will be cash only.

Event Details

Individual students **10 years old and younger** must be accompanied by an adult. School groups will be accompanied by their teacher. There will be chess activities for all ages.

The following **chess etiquette** will be followed.

1. Every game begins and ends with a handshake.
2. Talking during the game is not allowed.
3. Touch rule is enforced.
4. Cell phones must be silenced.

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The **Scholastic tournament** is unrated and everyone is welcome to play. The tournament is 4 rounds with a 15 minute time control. That means each player has 15 minutes on their clock. This tournament is located in the cafeteria and goes from 9:30- 12 noon.

The **Blitz tournament** will be a five-round tournament with 10 minute time control. This event is in the cafeteria and goes from 1 pm until 2pm

The **Bughouse tournament** will be held in the Cafeteria. This event involves pairs of players working together on separate boards. The game will be 5 rounds with a 10 minute game control. This activity is in the cafeteria and runs for 2pm- 3pm.

A **Minigame tournament** will use the Swiss pairing system. This tournament will not be timed unless a game is judged to be drawn out by the players. This tournament is in the library and runs from 9:30- 11am.

Chess puzzle activity will have a variety of puzzles for participants to show their thinking and chess skills. This activity is in the library. There are two times 9:30- 11:00 and 12:30 - 1:30. Participants will be assigned to one of these times.

Chess teaching sessions are designed to help participants learn more chess skills, including the format of various games, such as bughouse and tandem chess. These sessions will run for approximately 30 minutes. There are two times: 9:30-10:00 and 12:00-12:30. Participants will be assigned to one of these times.

Chess art activity will be using everyday items to create chess pieces. This activity runs all day with students assigned in either the 9:30- 11:30 or 12:00 until 2:00 section.

A Treasure Hunt will be set up for any participants that wish to join in. This activity runs from 1:00-1:30.

A **Tandem Chess tournament** is also offered. Tandem chess is played on one board with pairs of players alternating turns. Normal chess rules apply to this event. Whispering between pairs is

allowed. Tandem chess will be 4 rounds long. This activity is in the Library from 10:30-11:30am.

A **Simultaneous Game** is being offered. Individual students will test their chess skills against members of NHCA and CIE-US. This is a normal game of chess. This activity will be in the Library from 2 pm until 3pm.

We will be raffling some chess equipment. We have two sets and boards for raffle and a House of Staunton tournament bag with a clock and a set of pieces and a board.

Questions? Contact paulroberts@chessineducation.us.