

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) UTD In-Person Summer Chess Camp

Pre-Camp

1. I have a problem registering my camper. What do I do?

There is a PDF on the homepage that provides answers to different difficulties.

2. How do you determine if my camper is in the intermediate or advanced class?

They will be sent a link with instructions for taking an online assessment.

3. If my camper already attended an online camp, do they still need to take an assessment?

No. The instructor's assessment from the online camp will be used.

4. Location - Where will the camp be held?

On the second floor of the Student Union (west of the McDermott Library on the [campus map](#), in the Galaxy Room. A more detailed map will be sent prior to the camp.

5. Parking - Where will I park?

A parking permit will be sent a week prior to the camp. A map of parking locations will accompany that permit. Lot E is the closest to the Student Union.

6. When does my camper take the online assessment?

It will open two weeks prior to the camper's camp. This will permit the most recent evaluation of the camper's knowledge. Camper should allow at least 30 minutes to answer the assessment questions.

7. Can my child retake the assessment?

No. Each camper only takes the assessment once.

FYI - we can see if your child has retaken. Please tell your camper that they are not being graded on this – only a way for us to know their current level. Whichever class they attend, they will have fun!

8. Is it all right to assist our campers when they take the assessment?

No. While it is permissible to assist your camper to log on to the assessment website, only the camper is to answer the questions. We need a current and accurate evaluation of the camper's chess knowledge - not parent's knowledge.

During Camp

9. Are early arrivals permitted?

Please arrive 20 minutes early on the first day. This will permit the classes to start on time.

10. Sign-in, Sign-Out Procedure – What is required?

Every day the parent/guardian will sign *their name* next to that of your child and other children you may bring. If someone other than you is picking up the children, you will write their *name* in a separate column. At the end of the camp day, you or the other person signs again when picking up the children. Security reminder: Photo id required when signing in or out. If someone whose name (relative or not) is not on the list comes to pick up your child, *we will have to call you*. Campers are not released to anyone without your permission.

11. Emergency Preparedness

If an emergency were to occur, there may not be time to notify you or for you to reach me. Thus, I wanted to let you know, in advance, what our plans are and where we will be located. External to the building: Should a tornado be in the area, everyone would stay in the Galaxy Room where the camp is held. It has no windows, which makes it more secure.

Internal to the building: If a fire alarm went off, classes would proceed outside to the Plinth which is between the Student Union and the McDermott Library. There is mist column at the location.



12. What is the daily schedule?

Instructors have lesson plans for a variety of exercises (tactic, openings, endgames, etc.).

Midway through a session, there is a snack break (we do not provide the snacks). You may send snacks with your camper. However, please do not send any snacks with nuts. We have campers who have serious allergies to nuts.

Campers are never to be unescorted alone in the hallways. We have extra staff to walk with them to wherever needed. This allows the instructors to continue teaching.

A tournament is held on the last day of class.

During the camp if you ever must reach me, please call my cell phone (913.638.7707).

13. Are electronic devices allowed?

We discourage campers from bringing various electronic devices. If campers do bring them, then they are not to take them out. They specifically do not have permission to take pictures during their sessions at the Galaxy Rooms. While we will make every attempt to find an item a camper may lose; UT Dallas is not responsible for their loss.