

# Roving ChessNuts CHESS Teasers

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## Chess Challenge is for all levels of players

The Chess'n Math Association's Chess Challenge is the country's biggest chess events with thousands of players in Grades 1 through 12 playing against their own grade peers to determine 12 provincial champs who then play against each other at the Canadian Chess Challenge.

All levels of players can and should play in the Challenge. The challenge is a good time for players to check out their chess skills against others in their same school grade. Beginning players can pick up valuable experience at challenge events and win the right to advance to the Alberta Chess Challenge. Not many other sports for individuals allow advancement to the provincial championship to a wide range of players, so this is a chance for developing chess players to lay claim to participating in a provincial championship.

In Edmonton there was the warm-up for the challenge on March 6 which attracted 46 players. This Sunday, March 20, is the Edmonton Regional Chess Challenge which had attracted over 60 players by 6 p.m. March 17. The Grades with the biggest number of

entrants so far were 6 and 8. No Grade 9 or 12 players had registered online: [www.rovingchessnuts.com](http://www.rovingchessnuts.com)

You must play in a regional to advance to the Alberta Challenge in Red Deer on April 9, but if you have a legitimate excuse to not compete in a regional, you can arrange to qualify through another event. At least two Edmonton players have already qualified by participating in the March 6 event because they could not play this Sunday.

Trophies, medals and ribbons are to be won on Sunday, along with some draw prizes.

The Challenge is a Society of Alberta Chess Knights event, organized by The Roving ChessNuts.

The last school grade level competition in Edmonton was the Northern Alberta Scholastic Championships which attracted 87 players in early December.

At the Alberta Challenge in Red Deer on April 9, there will be wall plaques, medals and ribbons to win, plus 20 door prizes. Each participant will also get a souvenir of the event. A pizza lunch is included in the entry fee.



Sherwood Park Library's Chess Explosion on March 13 attracted about 18 youth and adult players and nine beginning players competed in a tournament. Matthew Lu (right) was the big winner of the tournament and also a draw prize for a wooden puzzle.



### Roving ChessNuts Spring Break

### CHESS CAMPS March 29, 30 & 31 8:30 to 5

Half Day, Full Day, One-on-One Coaching appointments

See flyer at [www.rovingchessnuts.com](http://www.rovingchessnuts.com) Call 780-474-2318

## Last Call for Registering Edmonton Regional Chess Challenge

Sunday, March 20

Edmonton Chess Club, 10840 124 Street

You must register by Noon, March 19

Over 60 players already registered - see who is playing on website. More details below in Events.

This is a competition by school grade level

### Upcoming Chess Events

For more information and online registration for these events, go to:

[www.rovingchessnuts.com](http://www.rovingchessnuts.com)

#### Sunday, March 20 - Edmonton Regional Challenge

(you compete against your own school grade level). Register online by noon, Saturday, March 19. No entries accepted on March 20. Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11 and 12 must sign in at Edmonton Chess Club, 10840 124 Street, by 12:20 p.m. as play will begin as early as 12:30. Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 must sign in by 2:50 p.m. Entry fee is \$20 (if you are a Grand Prix participant, your entry has been paid). You must play in a regional qualifier to advance to the Alberta Chess Challenge on April 9 in Red Deer. (If you can not play in this regional and still wish to go to the Alberta Challenge, e-mail Bruce, [rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca](mailto:rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca) to make arrangements to qualify at another event.)

#### March 29, 30 and 31 - Spring Break Chess Camps at the Roving ChessNuts, 12013 76 Street.

Details are posted with link on home page of [www.rovingchessnuts.com](http://www.rovingchessnuts.com). We still have openings for half-, full-day camps on all three days or make appointment for one-on-one coaching chess. All levels of players can get involved.

#### Saturday, April 9 - Alberta Chess Challenge

in Red Deer at Lindsay Thurber High School. You must pre-register after playing in a regional qualifier. Sign in time will be 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. in Red Deer. You must complete a registration form and pay the entry fee by the deadline of 6 p.m., April 6.

#### April, May and June - Chess Classes at Roving ChessNuts

on Monday evenings (jr. and sr. high students only), Wednesday evenings (all rating levels), Friday evenings (intermediate-advance), Saturday mornings (beginners) Phone 780-474-2318 for further details. Friday and Saturday classes are almost filled.

**Other Chess Activities expected this spring:** High School Individual and Team Competitions; Junior High Individual and Team Competitions; Elementary School Team Championships; Special Grand Prix Chess events. Watch next Teasers and website for dates to be posted week of March 21.