



**National Chess Camp** is a partnership between National Music Camp and Chess Institute of Canada

It is run by a non-profit, non-sectarian foundation and is located on a 120-acre site on the shores of Lake Couchiching, North of Orillia and 90 minutes from Toronto. For over 40 years National Music camp has been providing young musicians with an enjoyable and challenging music experience balanced with a wide range of recreational activities.

In the summer of 2007 we added a chess camp on a trial basis. It was such a wonderful fit with the music program and a resounding success that it is now a permanent addition to our cultural offerings for youth.

## *Counselling Staff*

**Our staff love kids.** Rec. staff plan and run all the recreation programs and the evening programs. Chess staff work with the campers in their large groups and offer small group and individual lessons to insure campers learn as much as they can in a week.

Our enthusiastic and dedicated Chess Staff come from University and College programs, or are senior high school students actively involved in chess competition and teaching. Our energetic Recreation staff are often in Recreation programs here or abroad.

## *Facilities*

Campers and staff live in cabins that house 10-14 campers and 2-4 Music, Chess and Recreation Staff. All cabins are equipped with indoor plumbing and electricity. All Camper Cabins have been renovated and upgraded since 2001.

## *Faculty*

**Ted Winick**, Chess Director and Chess Institute of Canada president, teaches over 1000 students in over 20 Toronto schools, weekly. Ted picked his faculty from the best chess teachers available, including **Natalia Khoudgarian**, Top ranked Canadian Women's Chess player for 11 years and Canadian Women's Champion in 2006 and 2007. Full-time chess teacher **Goran Milicevic** coaches many of Canada's best young chess champions. **Peter Boross-Harmer** is the best-known teacher in the Toronto District School Board chess circles.

## *Programs*

Everyday, campers will receive four to five hours of chess instruction and playing time plus an additional three hours of great camp activities. Our goal is to provide a level of instruction appropriate for the campers level.

Each camper will be assessed and placed in the appropriate small group for instruction only. For tournament play all campers will be included with opportunities provided for every camper to play not only those at the same level but also more advanced players. We will endeavour to present on a great range of topics including:

- Dynamic versus static play
- Exploiting domination in the centre
- Selection of appropriate opening to suit one's style
- Positional play
- Sacrificing to gain advantage
- Using pawn formations to one's advantage
- Storming the king
- Castling on opposite sides
- When to trade/when not to trade pieces
- Forcing favourable trades (e.g. bad bishop versus good knight)
- Two rooks versus the Queen
- Flank attacks
- Converting a minor advantage to a full point
- Creating the possibility for stalemate
- Just how safe is your king?
- Energy conservation during tournament play

Campers will not only learn hard skills of chess and camp, but also important life lessons like teamwork, sportsmanship, cooperation, independence and self-esteem enhancement. Every camper will learn and grow and you'll be amazed at the results in just a few short days.

## *More than Chess*

Campers in both camps have access to a full range of recreational activities... swimming, water-skiing, canoeing, kayaking, arts and crafts, basketball, volleyball, golf, tennis, land sports, ropes, zip line... and MORE!

## *How to Apply*

Campers - Apply online at [www.nationalchesscamp.com](http://www.nationalchesscamp.com)  
or call the camp office at 416.482.2475  
or 1.800.701.3132

Music Staff - Check the Website  
([www.nationalmusiccamp.com](http://www.nationalmusiccamp.com))  
for hiring information.

Recreation Staff - Call the Camp Office  
for information.

## *Scholarships*

There are several scholarships available, including Partial and Matching Scholarships. Unique to NMC is the Staff Scholarship Fund which provides up to 100% of the camp fee to talented and deserving students. Information and application forms for all scholarships are available online or by contacting the Camp Office.

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