



DEMYSTIFYING CHESS

Thinking Skills Workshops for Teachers, Youth Mentors and Parent Volunteers

Since 2014, the National Scholastic Chess Foundation has worked with Broward Education Foundation to establish scholastic chess as a means of improving educational outcomes for the children of Broward County. To date, over 400 teachers and other professionals working with young people have taken our workshops. Today, they are leading more than 150 chess programs in schools and afterschool, summer camps, and community centers, across the county.

Why Chess? Chess introduces critical thinking at an early age. The need to comprehend, analyze and evaluate information on a continual basis is a process that every chess player follows. It is this process that is emphasized throughout the chess curriculum regardless of the specific chess content that is taught at each grade level.

The NSCF chess teacher training program will equip teachers so that they may:

- 1) understand and appreciate the moves of any master game;
- 2) gain confidence in their assessment of positions;
- 3) understand the move selection process;
- 4) make reasonable decisions based on their observation and analysis.

With NSCF's Demystifying Chess workshops, teachers and other youth workers, mentors and parent volunteers will be able to help students achieve success with chess, and apply the skills they acquire to other subjects. The goal of the workshops is not to dictate a specific curriculum, but to provide the outline of key concepts and the order in which they should be introduced to have children playing chess successfully in a short period of time.

What you will learn:

DEMYSTIFYING CHESS WORKSHOP #1: TEACHING THE BASICS

Even if you've never played chess, this workshop (now delivered over 2 evenings) will prepare you to teach a chess program at your school. The workshop covers key topics for a 13+ week program of chess instruction, across all grade levels.

The workshop includes the NSCF's curriculum outline, referral to grade appropriate resources, and on-going training online (accounts set-up instructions are supplied with your workshop materials).

TUESDAY, MARCH 13 and 20, 2018 – 5:30 to 8:45 pm
Village Civic Center, 6800 Sunset Strip, Sunrise, FL 33313

WORKSHOP #2: MOVING BEYOND THE BASICS

Workshop #2 begins with a quick review of Workshop #1 concepts, then moves beyond the basics of chess to cover topics taught in weeks 14 through 22+ of the NSCF in-the-curriculum program. The class builds upon the skills taught in day 1, teaches how to combine tactics, recognize patterns and analyze master-level games.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018 – 9:15 am to 4:45 pm (light lunch is provided)
Sunrise Civic Center Art Gallery, 10610 W Oakland Park Blvd, Sunrise, FL 33335

WORKSHOP #3: TEACHING INTERMEDIATE CHESS

Workshop #3 quickly reviews basics of chess taught in the first two workshops, then moves to the next level of instruction with tips and techniques FIDE Master Sunil Weeramantry has developed over 40 years of directing chess in education programs.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018 – 9:15 am to 4:45 pm (light lunch is provided)
Sunrise Civic Center Art Gallery, 10610 W Oakland Park Blvd, Sunrise, FL 33335

COST: Normally \$250, this class is generously sponsored by the **Broward Education Foundation** and the **City of Sunrise**. Register early. Limited seating.

Visit the events section at www.SunriseChessCenter.org or

Email Robert McLellan – robert@SunriseChessCenter.org for additional info.

