



**ROANOKE VALLEY
CHESS CLUB**

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EVENTS FOR ALL LEVELS

We host everything from casual club nights to scholastic tournaments and large open competitions. Our calendar is full of opportunities to learn, play, and test your skills in a fun, supportive environment.

COACHING & CAMPS

Our experienced coaches offer personalized lessons tailored to beginners, advancing juniors, and competitive adults. We focus on tactics, strategy, and the "off-the-board" skills that build confidence and consistency.

LECTURES & TALKS

We regularly bring in titled players, masters, and local experts to share insights, demonstrate strategies, and inspire our members with their experiences.



ABOUT US

**Roanoke Valley Chess Club
Est. 1947**

The Roanoke Valley Chess Club is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to grow the game of chess in the Roanoke Valley and surrounding areas through tournaments, education, and community outreach.

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Roanoke, VA



OUR VISION

***BUILD BRIGHTER
MINDS IN THE
VALLEY***

WHY CHESS

Chess is not just for smart people — it's a tool that helps make people smarter. At RVCC, we want to dispel the myth that chess is only for prodigies or geniuses. The truth is, anyone can learn the game and benefit from it, no matter their age or background. Chess sharpens critical thinking, strengthens memory, improves concentration, and teaches patience and discipline. It also helps with emotional skills: learning how to handle pressure, manage time, recover from mistakes, and keep pushing forward even after setbacks.

Beyond the mental and emotional benefits, chess builds community. From kids gaining confidence in their first tournament, to adults discovering new friendships, to seniors keeping their minds active and sharp, chess connects people in meaningful ways. It's a game that grows with you and teaches lessons that extend far beyond the 64 squares. That's why we believe chess is for everyone — not just the "already smart," but for those who want to grow, learn, and enjoy a lifelong journey of improvement.

CHESS CHANGES LIVES

Researchers at the National Institutes of Health have identified three major ways that chess changes lives

1

Cognitive Growth

Chess strengthens working memory, focus, and problem-solving ability. Studies show it can improve math and reading skills, as well as overall academic performance in children.

2

Life Skills

Playing chess teaches patience, discipline, and decision-making under pressure. It helps players handle both success and failure with confidence and humility.

3

Community

Chess is a social game that brings people together across generations and backgrounds. It fosters friendships, teamwork, and mentorship, while also supporting healthy competition.



OUR FUTURE PLAN

We believe the future of chess in the Valley begins with our youth. That's why we've partnered with Roanoke City Public Schools to launch Chess Training Camps designed to inspire, teach, and empower the next generation of players. Through these programs, we aim to nurture future masters who will carry forward the values of focus, discipline, and strategic thinking — ensuring that this timeless and enriching game continues to grow for years to come.