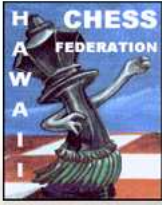


# Summer Chess Camp and Chess Scholarship

<http://www.hawaiiichess.com>



**A unique pilot program offered for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in 2012**

- **Setting:**
  - Students:
    - A small select group of 10 Hawaii kids -- 5 kids with autism and 5 without
    - Age: Tentatively between 8 and 15 years old
  - Teachers:
    - Conducted by the best coach(es) in Hawaii, likely involving HCF Scholastic Director Guy Ontai and 6-time State Champion and National Master Cornelius Rubsamem
    - Assisted by tutors who are among the best scholastic chess players in Hawaii
- **Benefits:**
  - Learn the game of chess with its known benefits (see <http://www.hawaiiichess.com/benefits-of-playing-chess/>)
  - Opportunity for social skills development in a natural setting for the 5 with autism
  - Opportunity for honing leadership skills and compassion for the 5 without autism
  - Opportunity for everyone to truly focus on each other's abilities, not the disabilities
  - Yes, it is a chess camp, but it is a lot more than just chess
- **Tentative Schedule:**
  - Five weekend sessions from the end of June to the end of July
  - 1 – 2 hours each session
- **Application:**
  - Please indicate your interest to participate in the sign-up sheet
  - Applicants with autism will automatically be considered for the chess scholarship, and if accepted, will have the opportunity to attend the camp for free
  - The admission process may involve an interview with members of the camp and/or scholarship advisory committee
  - Preparation before admission and the camp:
    - Complete as many on-line chess lessons as possible at <http://www.chesskids.com>
    - E-mail evidence of progress to [tzheng007@yahoo.com](mailto:tzheng007@yahoo.com) by June 10, 2012
- **About EZ CheckmateAutism Chess Scholarship:**
  - Inspired by the story of “An Unlikely Champion” which you can find at <http://www.hawaiiichess.com/an-unlikely-champion/>
  - Families with the financial means are encouraged to make tax deductible contributions to keep the scholarship strong for more chess camps in future years to benefit more Hawaii kids with autism