

**Cornerstone Chess Club  
2013  
Washington State Elementary  
Chess Championships  
Bid Proposal**

**April 20, 2013**

**Vancouver, WA**



**Clark County Fairgrounds  
Exhibition Hall**

## **PREFACE**

The Cornerstone Christian School Chess Club is excited to present this proposal to host the 2013 Washington State Elementary Chess Championships in Vancouver, WA on April 20, 2013. We aim to provide a first-rate tournament that provides convenience for chess families and an atmosphere conducive to great chess play.

Washington has been divided into three regions. Each year a different region is given the opportunity to host the state tournament. Southwest Washington has the honor of hosting the 2013 state tournament.

## **FACILITIES**

Vancouver is proud of the new Exhibition Hall at the Clark County Fairgrounds. The Exhibition Hall is a large building providing up to 97,200 sq. ft. of space that can be divided into three sections. The large area provides ample room for the 1000+ kids that enjoy playing in the state tournament (in 2007 we had 1231 participants plus 56 in I Love Chess Too!). Having the three sections under one roof will provide separation of the team tables and fun areas from the playing area. Everything will be in close proximity.



2007 Washington State Elementary Chess Championship in Vancouver

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The room dividers are floor to roof barriers which should provide sound containment between the three sections. And being under one roof will be advantageous in the *rare* event of rain on the tournament day. We will devote one section to tournament play while the other space will provide team tables and skittles space. The ample space will allow us to have inflatable attractions that were so popular at our 2007 tournament!

The Clark County Fairgrounds provides great parking and traffic flow. The experienced fairgrounds parking attendants will help vehicles to get parked efficiently. There will be no additional charge for parking. Also, RV parking will be available.

The issues we had in 2007 with traffic backing up onto the highway will be resolved by redirecting the traffic to enter the parking lot from the other side, as they generally do with parking for larger events at the fairgrounds. This will allow the cars to get off the highway more quickly.

Complimentary wireless Internet access is available throughout the halls.

The facilities also have rooms that are separate from the main hall that could be used for the Middle School State Tournament. One is a conference room in the same building, but with a separate entrance; the other two are in a building across the walkway. If these do not provide sufficient space for all the sections of the Middle School State Tournament, it is possible that the lower section that uses the same time controls may be in the same area with the Elementary players and the I Love Chess 2 section, and the separate rooms would be used for the sections utilizing longer time controls.

We would plan to curtain off a section of the main hall for the coaches' meeting, similar to what Spokane did in 2009. This will work better than the unheated building that was used in 2007.

Tentative floor plans are included at the end of this proposal, showing the ability to host over 1400 players.

## **GAME FORMAT & RULES**

The tournament will be a 5 round Swiss format. The time control will be Game/30 (maximum one hour for each game) or Game/25 with 5 second time delay. Undefeated players will be designated as co-champions. The standard tiebreak systems will be used to break all other ties (Solkoff, Cumulative score, Cumulative scores of the opposition). Team trophies will be awarded based on the top four players' scores from a team.

Standard USCF rules (5<sup>th</sup> edition) will be utilized. The Washington State Elementary Scholastic Chess Policy Board will clarify rules that are specific to the state tournament.

A grade level format will be used where players in each grade comprise a section. Accelerated pairings will be used for the first two rounds in any section over 120 to help reduce the number

of undefeated players and to provide a more even level of matches. If the policies change and over/under sections are allowed, we will consider having championship and reserve sections in our tournament.

**AWARDS**

Awards will be 25 deep for each grade and there will be 25 team trophies for the 1-3 teams and 25 team trophies for the 4-6 teams. All participants who win 3.0 points or more will get an award. Participants will only receive one individual award. Each participant will receive a memento for earning the right to play in the state tournament! No one goes home empty-handed! We are also planning to have some additional awards, such as sportsmanship awards, biggest upsets, and possibly some class prizes.

**CULINARY DELIGHTS**

Ovations food service will provide catered lunch items for your convenience, as well as concessions during the tournament. This is the same group that did the concessions and lunch at the 2007 tournament in Vancouver. These lunches will be pre-ordered when registering for the tournament. Tickets will be handed out at the tournament in your bags. The lunch selections (subject to change) are listed below. Each selection is approximately \$6.50 - \$9.25.

<p><b>Ham and Cheese Sandwich</b>          Apple          Bottled Water          \$6.50</p>
<p><b>Hot Dog</b>          Bag of Potato Chips          Bottled Water          \$6.50</p>
<p><b>Italian Sub Sandwich on Hoagie</b>          (Turkey-Roast Beef-Salami-Provolone Cheese)          Bag of Potato Chips          Cookie          Bottled Water          \$9.25</p>

<p><b>Turkey Sandwich</b>          Apple          Bottled Water          \$6.50</p>
<p><b>Chicken Caesar Salad</b>          Breadstick          Cookie          Bottled Water          \$9.25</p>
<p><b>Vegetarian Wrap</b>          Bag of Potato Chips          Cookie          Bottled Water          \$9.25</p>

While some restaurants are fairly close by, most are not conveniently located for use at lunch.

## **TARGETED PLAYER FEES**

Registration fee is will be targeted for \$40 (discount for early registration by March 1). I Love Chess 2 registration fee will be no more than \$25. If we are able to obtain significant sponsorships, these prices may be reduced.

Our policy is that we will not deny any child the ability to participate based on financial need. Scholarships will be provided for entry to the event for children with financial need upon a prior approved written request from the parent.

## **CHECK-IN & SCHEDULE**

Registration will be available online as it has been in previous years. Check-in via the internet will be provided or players may check in Friday evening by 9 PM either in person at the tournament site or by phone. Check-in the night before will help the tournament run more smoothly on Saturday. Saturday morning the pairings will be created, incorporating the last minute cancellations.

The projected tournament start time will be 8:45 AM, with awards around 5:00 PM. The schedule will be similar to other years. We will consider using a fixed schedule for the rounds if that is well received at the 2011 tournament.

## **TEAM TABLES**

Team tables will be offered this year. Depending on the success of the “team seat” model being used at the 2011 tournament, we may adopt that model.

## **SHIRTS**

Commemorative t-shirts will be available for purchase when registering for the Tournament. A contest will be held to select the shirt design. Drawings will be submitted to the tournament t-shirt panel to select a design.

## **HOST**

Cornerstone Christian School Chess Club has been running tournaments in Southwest Washington for a number of years. Our tournaments have a reputation for being well run. We have hosted local tournaments with over 200 players, as well as hosting the 2007 Washington State Elementary Chess Championship, and our wonderful volunteers made those tournaments very successful.

We will be partnering with the Washington State Elementary Chess Championship Policy Board for this event. Any proceeds remaining after the tournament expenses will be shared with the Policy Board to help provide a working fund for future events. Our intent is for one third of the proceeds to go to the Policy Board, and the remaining two thirds to be divided among Cornerstone Chess Club and other area schools to benefit elementary chess in Southwest Washington.

## **HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

The sampling of Vancouver hotels listed here offer a variety of services tailored to family needs. From indoor pools, to full breakfasts and kitchen suites, everyone should be able to find something to meet their needs. And this is just a partial list; many more hotels are available in the area. Over 700 rooms are available each night for the tournament. Once the chess bid is accepted, the tournament staff will contract with the hotels to hold rooms and guarantee tournament room rates.

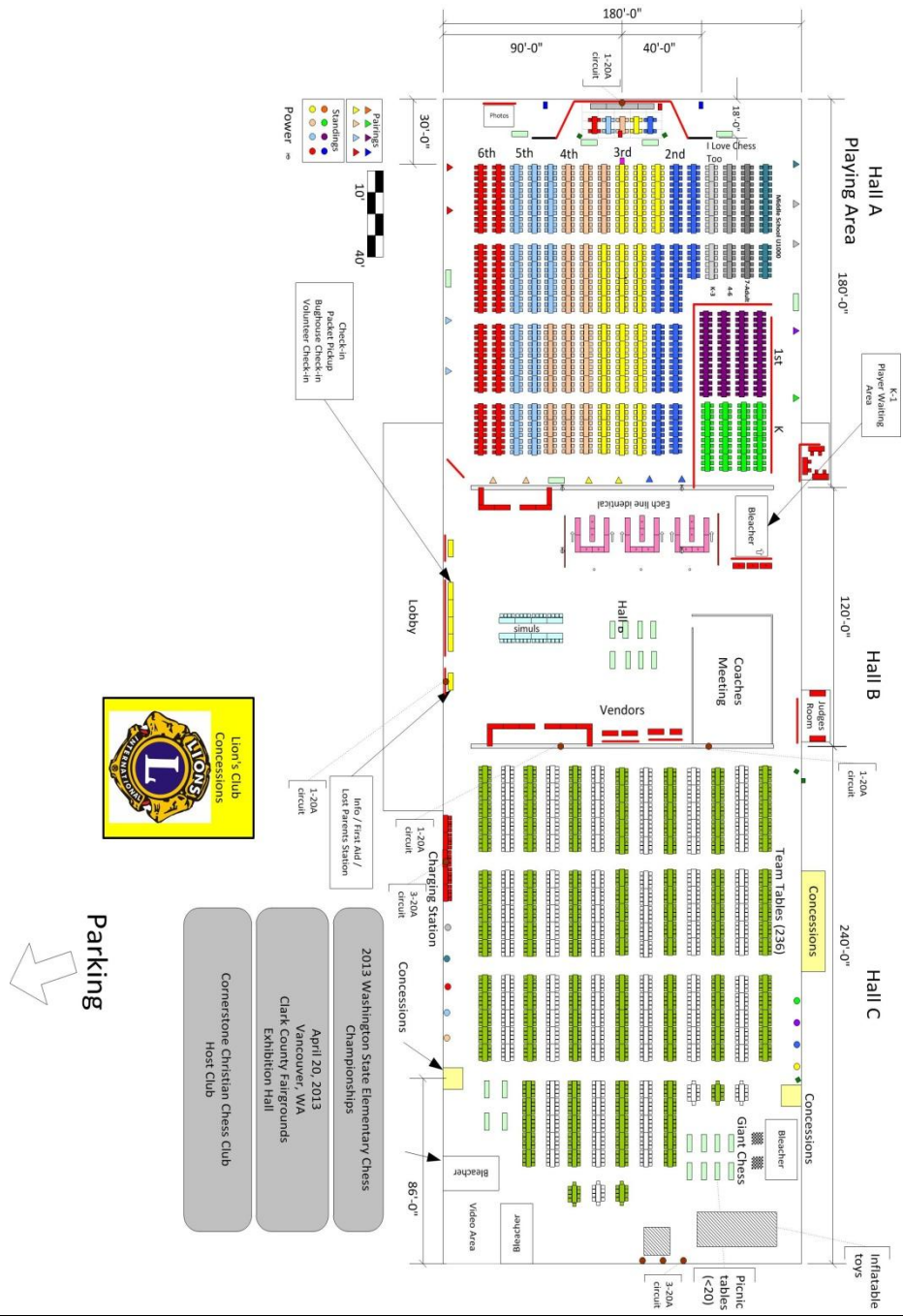
<b><i>Property</i></b>	<b><i>Available Dates</i></b>	<b><i>Room Block</i></b>	<b><i>Guest Room Rate</i></b>	<b><i>Cut-off date Distance to the Event Center</i></b>	<b><i>Amenities</i></b>
<b><i>Hilton Vancouver WA</i></b> 301 W 6th St Vancouver, WA 98660	Friday 4/19/2013 and Saturday 4/20/2013	10 rooms per night	Single/Double occupancy \$99 Triple \$119 Quad \$139	Cut off 3/7/13  10 miles to the Event Center	*indoor pool *fitness center *on-site restaurant *parking \$13/day
<b><i>Red Lion Hotel at the Quay</i></b> 100 Columbia St Vancouver, WA 98660	Friday 4/19/2013 and Saturday 4/20/2013	50 rooms per night	Single Q \$79.95 Double Q or Single K \$89.95 Riverfront \$99.95  Occupancy of 4 guests per room	Cut off 4/5/13  10 miles to the Event Center	*outdoor pool *fitness center *on-site restaurant *free parking *free wifi *free airport shuttle *fridge/micro in rooms
<b><i>The Heathman Lodge</i></b> 7801 NE Greenwood Dr Vancouver, WA 98662	Friday 4/19/2013 and Saturday 4/20/2013	50 rooms per night	Deluxe level \$89  Business level \$99 (incl. continental breakfast)  *rates for 4 person occupancy, \$10 per extra	Cut off 4/5/13  7 miles to the Event Center	*indoor pool *fitness center *on-site restaurant *free parking *free wifi *airport shuttle available *fridge/micro in rooms
<b><i>Staybridge Suites</i></b> 7301 NE 41st St Vancouver, WA 98662	Friday 4/19/2013 and Saturday 4/20/2013	40 suites Friday and Saturday	Studio Single and Double rate \$89	Cut off 4/5/13  8 miles to the Event Center	*breakfast included *outdoor pool *fitness center *restaurants nearby *free parking *free wifi *full kitchens *free airport shuttle
<b><i>Shilo Inn Suites</i></b>	Friday	30 rooms	\$85.00	Cut off 4/5/13	*breakfast included

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<b>at Salmon Creek</b> 13206 Highway 99 Vancouver, WA 98686	4/19/2013 and Saturday 4/20/2013	Friday and Saturday		3 miles to the Event Center	*indoor pool *restaurants nearby *free parking *free wifi
<b>Comfort Inn &amp; Suites Downtown</b> 401 E 13th St Vancouver, WA 98660	Friday 4/19/2013 and Saturday 4/20/2013	30 double queen suites  40 std double/ double	Double Queen Suites \$79.95 Double/Double rooms \$74.95	Cut off 4/5/13  8 miles to the Event Center	*breakfast included *outdoor pool *fitness center *restaurants nearby *free parking *free wifi *fridge/micro in rooms
<b>Comfort Suites Van Mall</b> 4714 NE 94th Ave Vancouver, WA 98662	Friday 4/19/2013 and Saturday 4/20/2013	40 Double queen suites	\$79.95	Cut off 4/5/13  7 miles to the Event Center	*breakfast included *indoor pool *fitness center *restaurants nearby *free parking *free wifi *fridge/micro in rooms *free airport shuttle
<b>Days Inn &amp; Suites Van Mall</b> 9107 NE Van Mall Dr Vancouver, WA 98662	Friday 4/19/2013 and Saturday 4/20/2013	40 standard queen rooms	\$69.95	Cut off 4/5/13  7 miles to the Event Center	*breakfast included *indoor pool *restaurants nearby *free parking *free wifi *fridge/micro in rooms *free airport shuttle
<b>La Quinta Inn &amp; Suites</b> 1500 NE 134th St Vancouver, WA 98686	Friday 4/19/2013 and Saturday 4/20/2013	50 Double Queen rooms	\$69.00 Double occupancy (\$5.00 per additional person, 4 max)	Cut off 4/5/13  3 miles to the Event Center	*breakfast included *indoor pool *restaurants nearby *free parking
<b>Phoenix Inn Suites</b> 12712 SE 2nd Circle Vancouver, WA 98684	Friday 4/19/2013 and Saturday 4/20/2013	40 suites Friday and Saturday	Standard King \$89 Double Queen \$99	Cut off 3/19/13  12 miles to the Event Center	*breakfast included *indoor pool *restaurants nearby *free parking *free wifi *fridge/micro in rooms *free airport shuttle
<b>Quality Inn &amp; Suites</b> 7001 NE Highway 99 Vancouver, WA 98665	Friday 4/19/2013 and Saturday 4/20/2013	25 Suites Friday and Saturday	Single bed \$57.99 Double beds \$67.99	Cut off 4/5/13  6 miles to the Event Center	*breakfast included *outdoor pool *fitness center *restaurants nearby *free parking *free wifi *full kitchen in most rooms

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# TENTATIVE FLOOR PLANS



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**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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