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## {EvanstonChess} Illinois State K-8 Chess Championship will be March 9-11 in Schaumburg

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Hello all,

Coordinators, please pass this information along to your team members.

The Illinois State K-8 Chess Championship will be March 9-11 in Schaumburg, once again at the Hyatt Regency. We usually send at least 30 players from Evanston to this event, and it's a fun family/community event to attend. Things to know about "state":

- No need to qualify to attend; however, you DO need to have current US Chess membership to play. It is a US Chess rated event. Anyone who contacts me before February 9 can buy a voucher for \$13 or less to renew US Chess membership.
- The actual 7-round event is on Saturday and Sunday, with blitz and bughouse the Friday evening before.
- It's a fun, team-oriented event, but the competition is considerably tougher than we see in our Evanston Scholastic tournaments. It's a good idea for players to practice and prepare a bit before taking this on. As with any endeavor, whatever work a player puts in before a big event is usually rewarded with a better-than-expected performance.
- Once again, Evanston Scholastic Chess will have a team room. I need a couple of VOLUNTEERS who plan to be at the tournament to help coordinate the team room. ES Chess is paying for this room; the volunteers will help ensure the space is used well and can accommodate as many people as possible.
- Yes, this year I will be working at the event as a director in the big 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade room, so there will be a familiar face there.
- If you'd like to stay in Schaumburg at the hotel on Saturday night (or Friday and Saturday), please reserve early. It's possible to commute every day, but fun to make a weekend of it.
- Complete information including hotel info and online registration is at [chessweekend.com](http://chessweekend.com)

Cheers,

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