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Maurice Irvin Memorial Chess Festival
To be Held at IWU

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--The Maurice Irvin Memorial Chess Festival will be held on Illinois Wesleyan's campus in June.

The festival consists of four main events, including tournaments and sessions taught by U.S. Champion and International Grand Master Alex Yermolinsky.

The U.S. Junior Open will take place the weekend of June 14-15. This national event is open to chess players under 20 years of age.

During the week of June 15-20, "Bloomington, 1997 A Week of Excellence" chess camp will be held. This camp is presented by Strategic Thinking, Inc., of Aurora, Ill. The week-long camp will include small group sessions run by 12 chess masters, including Yermolinsky, four International Masters, three Senior Masters, a Women's FIDE Master (FIDE is an acronym for the International Chess Federation), and three National Masters. The camp also will consist of a week-long Game/60 tournament for the campers. Game/60 refers to a format where each player has a total of 60 minutes to complete all of their moves.

The camp is geared toward students, age 10-17, but adults and families are welcome. Campers under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

The camp costs \$485 for overnight campers, \$370 for commuting campers, and \$224 for adult escorts. For more information about registration call toll-free 888-47-THINK.

On June 21, the U.S. Game/10 Championship will take place (Game/10 refers to a format where each player has a total of 10 minutes to make all their moves). It is an open tournament for participants under age 20. It will run in conjunction with opening ceremonies for the U.S. Junior Chess Championship.

The U.S. Junior Chess Championship is the center piece of the festival.

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The top 10 junior chess players in the country are invited to compete for the top junior honors in the U.S. Chess Federation. This year's participants come from across the United States.

The tournament is a nine round contest lasting from June 21-29. The winner also will qualify for the World Junior Championship and the U.S. Championship.