******The Akela Chess Classic**

**Scouts BSA Tournament**

**Advance entries only! Absolutely no registrations at the door!**

**What is it? The National Capital Area Council Scouts BSA chess tournament!**

**When is it? Saturday, February 2, 2019, 8 am check-in.**

 **5 rounds: 9am, 10am, 11am, 1pm and 2 pm. Lunch is 12-1 pm.**

 **Awards ceremony at 3;30 pm.**

**Where is it? Trinity Presbyterian Church, 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon, VA 20170**

**Brackets? Three brackets - Scouts Age 10-12, Age 13-15, and Age 16 and up.**

**Awards?** **Each participating scout receives custom tournament patch and year rocker;**

 **trophies/medals awarded to first, second, & third for each bracket.**

**Why participate? Fun and challenge! Controlled mental competition, w/ award recognition**

**Who may participate: Any BSA Scout, Venturer, or Sea Scout with a clear understanding of the rules of chess. Participating scouts must know the basic rules of chess – how the pieces move, the object of the game, castling rules, check/checkmate, etc. – and should be mature enough to handle victory and defeat. No instruction on the basic rules of chess will be given as part of the tournament.**

**What are the details? The cost is $25.00 per scout. Tournament rules will be explained before start of the tournament, including touch move – if a piece is touched it must be moved. Detailed tournament rules and logistics are provided on-line at the time of registration. Please read the rules carefully!**

**What to bring? Each Scout is to bring a bag lunch– no peanuts or tree nut ingredients please! Scouts should wear the field uniform. A responsible adult must be on site through the tournament. Chess sets will be provided - no need to bring one!**

**Questions? E-mail Peter Snow, Tournament Director, at** **chessacademician@aol.com****, or Roger Claff at** **reclaff@aol.com****.**

**How to participate? Registration once open will be on-line only at www.ncacbsa.org, no registration at the door. Detailed tournament rules and logistics are provided on-line at the time of registration. Please read the rules carefully! Register early!** **Registration will close at 48 registrants, or at the registration deadline of midnight on January 26.**