

Issaquah Highlands Chess Club presents...

GM Kayden Troff Simul and Q&A

Wednesday, April 30th, 2025 from 6-9:30 PM

Blakely Hall – 2550 NE Park Dr. Issaquah, WA 98029



Kayden Troff is a chess grandmaster who was born and raised in Utah. He learned chess when he was three years old from watching his dad and two older brothers play. Growing up, they played together, which led to many tournament victories and a competitive spirit among the brothers. This included many teaching opportunities, like running a summer chess camp with another chess family for seven years. Eventually, Kayden's brothers moved on to other things while Kayden continued to pursue chess. Chess tournament achievements:

- 1st place - 2009 U12 North American Youth Championship in Mazatlán, Mexico.
- 2nd place – 2010 World Youth Championships, Under-12 section.
- 1st place – 2012 World Youth Championships, Under-14 section.
- 1st place – 2014 Under-21 U.S. Chess Champion
- Achieved the title of Grandmaster at age 16, becoming Utah's first home-grown GM!

Kayden has been coaching privately and in groups for 10+ years and spends much of his time streaming chess with Antonio Padron on Twitch under ChessSharkz.

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| <p>Description</p> | <p>Issaquah Highlands Chess Club is honored to host Grandmaster Kayden Troff for an unforgettable evening of chess (simul + Q&A) on Wednesday, April 30.</p> <p>The evening will begin with a short presentation and Q/A session with GM Troff, a popular chess coach and streamer now based in Charlotte, NC. All questions are welcome. GM Troff is excited to share tips for players of all ages and levels to help them achieve their chess goals! Space is limited to 60 for the Q/A session and 40 players for the simul and will be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. A chess medal will be awarded to anyone who scores a win or a draw against the Grandmaster!</p> <p>At the courtesy of the Issaquah Highlands Chess Club and the Washington Chess Federation, admission is free of charge, with a suggested donation of \$25 to IHCC (PayPal ID: issaquahchess@gmail.com) to help cover costs. Complimentary pizza dinner and drinks will be provided.</p> <p>Please join us for a memorable evening of chess with Grandmaster Kayden Troff!</p> |
| <p>Registration</p> | <p>Please register for the simul online via the Northwest Chess online registration system: nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration. First come, first served. Maximum of 40 players; please register early to reserve your spot!</p> |
| <p>Schedule</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrival + check-in: 5:45 – 6:00 PM 2. Intro and Q/A: 6:00 – 6:30 PM 3. 40-board Simultaneous Exhibition: 6:30 – 9:00 PM |
| <p>Organizers</p> | <p>Issaquah Highlands Chess Club - https://www.facebook.com/issaquahchess</p> <p>Washington Chess Federation - https://www.wachess.com/</p> |

