



LYCÉE FRANÇAIS
DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS

Competitive Middle School Academic Teams 2018-2019

Bonjour and welcome to our first year of competitive academic teams for middle school students. The Extended Day Department will broaden its current services to include the piloting of a competitive LFNO Chess Team and National Geographic Bee Club.

Competitive Middle School Academic Teams are fee-based programs for students in 6th-8th grade. Students will practice for and compete in respective tournaments and/or competitions, as set by an adult team sponsor (coach). Practices will be held for 1 hour, 1 day a week after school at the Johnson campus, with additional off-campus practices to be mandated and set by sponsors as necessary.

Terms of Participation

Financial

As a reminder, families are responsible for payment of all Extended Day Program fees, including but not limited to Before Care, After Care, Enrichment, and Bonjour NOLA Summer Camp. Parents can access and pay their outstanding balances for Extended Day Programs through CampBrain, our online registration and payment portal. School lunch fees can be accessed and paid through My School Bucks.

Participation in Middle School Academic Teams may be denied if parents have outstanding balances for Extended Day Programs or School Lunch Service. Families may request to enter into a payment plan with the school's Business Office to resolve outstanding balances. For questions regarding Camp Brain balances, please email enrichment@lfno.org. For questions regarding lunch balances, please email restolycee@lfno.org



Student Expectations

Academics

Academics come first and foremost. LFNO requires that all students maintain academic eligibility in order to participate in competitive academic teams. In order to be academically eligible students must:

1. Maintain good academic standing or, in the case of special education students, make adequate progress in meeting IEP goals.
2. Stay on task; teachers will be contacted regularly by individual team sponsors to verify that students remain academically focused.
Consequences may apply in the event that a student is off task.

Practice and Participation

As with any kind of competitive team, attendance and focused participation at practices is crucial to the success not only of the individual student, but to the team as a whole.

1. Students must adhere to the attendance regulations of LFNO.
2. Students are expected to attend all practices. If a student must miss a practice, arrangements should be made before practice by contacting the sponsor directly, by e-mail or phone. Individual sponsors develop policies on missed practices and the consequences resulting from unexcused absences at their discretion. An excessive amount of absences can result in suspension or possible loss of eligibility (to be reviewed case by case by the sponsor and/or Director of Extended Day Programs) .
3. Depending on the circumstance, if a student wants to join a team after its commencement, it is the decision of the Director of Extended Day Programs and the sponsor as to whether eligibility will be permitted or not (all fees to still apply).



Registration and Fees

Registration

Registration will occur online through the Camp Brain system at lfnocampbrainregistration.com. Parents without computer access should contact the Director of Extended Day Programs for assistance at (504) 620-5500 ext. 1773. Registration will open at 9am Sunday, September 2nd and will remain open until 11:59pm, Sunday September 9th.

In general, there is a minimum of 6 students and a maximum of 15 students per team. Minimum and maximum enrollment exceptions are at the discretion of the Director of Extended Day Programs and team sponsor.

Fees

All fees must be **paid in full at sign-up** and are **non-refundable** once the team meetings/practices begin, unless the meeting/practice is cancelled by LFNO and not replaced. If you or your child chooses to cancel registration after the team meetings/practices begin, **you will be still be held responsible for all fees unless your child's seat is filled by another student**. As stated above, families with any LFNO outstanding balances in any department will not be able to register their students for Academic Teams until the balance is paid or they have set up a payment plan with the Business Office. Families that qualify for income-based discounts may request a payment plan for Enrichment fees through the Business Office. Any changes to registrations will be charged a \$10 admin fee.

Families who qualify for income-based lunch discounts are eligible for discounts on Competitive Academic Team fees. Please contact the Extended Day Site Manager for more information and to request a discount code at enrichment@lfnoc.org.

In extreme cases, failure to meet behavioral or academic expectations may result in short-term or long-term removal from LFNO competitive teams, with no refund of participation fees.



2018-2019 Competitive Academic Team Offerings

Chess Team

We are excited to continue the progress and accomplishments made by our LFNO chess club. Thank you for your dedication and for making this team one of the stronger in our state! We are excited to see what this year brings!

Our LFNO Chess Team is made possible by a partnership between Discovery Fest and the New Orleans Historic Collection. The Collection's Education Specialist, Kendric Perkins, will be teaching students about chess legend and New Orleans native Paul Morphy, as well as continuing to help advance LFNO's chess team from a competitive perspective in tournaments and competitions. Morphy is widely regarded as the greatest chess master of his era (1837-1884), and students will be engaging with historical documents related to Morphy, written in French as well as in English.

Students will receive official LFNO Chess Team t-shirts, as well as the ability to participate in tournaments on the weekend.

When: Fridays, 4pm-5pm (JW Johnson campus), 8 weeks

First day: Friday, September 14th 2018

Last day: Friday, November 16th, 2018

Sponsor and Coach: Kendric Perkins (Discovery Fest, New Orleans Historic Collection)

Fee: \$160/semester

Registration for the spring semester will take place in January 2019.



National Geographic Bee Team

Nearly 10,000 schools participate in National Geographic Bee competitions every year, and we are proud to include LFNO in that number! The National Geographic Bee is a geography competition that invites students to explore the world through materials provided by the national organization.

Students will be taking part in locally school-led competitions called GeoBees in the fall (dates, times, and locations TBA). In the spring, participating schools take a qualifying test for the State GeoBees.

Sponsor Jinger Whiddon will provide students with materials from National Geographic during weekly club meetings after school, in preparation for competitions.

When: Thursdays, 4-5pm (JW Johnson Campus), 10 weeks

First day: Thursday, September 13th 2018

Last day: Thursday, November 27th, 2018

Sponsor and Coach: Jinger Whiddon (LFNO)

Fee: \$160/semester

Registration for the Spring semester will take place in January 2019.