



UA SCIENCE
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Science Center & Planetarium

Chess & Science Festival and All-Girls Chess Tournament

It's your move! Come celebrate chess and science with us on Saturday, December 2, from 9am – 5pm. With free admission to Flandrau, the festival includes activities from UA student science clubs throughout the day. Visitors can see the annual All-Girls Chess Tournament, guided by 3-time US Women's Chess Champion (and Tucsonan!) Anjelina Belakovskaia, in addition to Flandrau exhibits.

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The Flandrau Science Center is excited to be hosting the fifth annual “Chess & Science Festival” on Saturday, December 2, 2017. Admission to Flandrau and all exhibits will be free! The festival will feature an All-Girls Chess Tournament, demonstrations and activities provided by UA student science clubs, a free screening of the inspiring chess movie *Queen of Katwe*, and an appearance by the Mayor of Tucson, Jonathan Rothschild, at 12noon.

Visitors can also enjoy our awe-inspiring planetarium shows, hands-on science exhibits, and activities that will be fun for the whole family. Hourly planetarium shows begin at 12noon, with regular price admission for planetarium shows, see schedule below for details.

The festival showcases how girls and women can excel in fields that have historically been male-dominated, like chess and science. As festival organizer and 3-time US Women's Chess Champion Anjelina Belakovskaia describes the mission, “To organize a special and memorable event that will have a long-lasting positive influence on participants, parents and observers by promoting girls' confidence, and ability to compete in intellectual areas and achieve great success in chess and beyond – including math, science, finance, business and life!”

Several UA student clubs will provide fun science activities, including the Chemistry Club, the Neuroscience Club with their “brain zoo,” and the CATalyst Club math outreach group. Hands-on demonstrations from the Marine Discovery and Earth Science Discovery programs will also delight visitors of all ages.

The feature film *Queen of Katwe*, about the journey of a Ugandan girl who becomes a Woman Candidate Master chess player at the World Chess Olympiads, will screen in the planetarium theater at 9:45am.

You can sign up girls (K-12) for the Tournament here: <http://chessandsciencefestival.com/>. There are scholarship spots available for girls who need financial assistance.

The event will begin at 9am and run until 5pm. We hope you'll bring your girls and boys to join the fun at this celebration of chess and science!

For more information about Flandrau Science Center go to www.flandrau.org

Planetarium Theater Schedule, Chess Fest, Saturday 12/02:

Please Note: The regularly scheduled 4pm planetarium show will be cancelled to host the Awards Ceremony for the chess tournament in the planetarium theater. Regular admission prices will apply for planetarium shows starting at 12noon.

Saturday 9:45am Film: Queen of Katwe (free screening)
 12pm Perfect Little Planet
 1pm Touring the Solar System
 2pm Season of Light
 3pm Tucson Sky and Beyond
 4pm Chess Tournament Awards Ceremony
 5pm Black Holes
 6pm Touring the Solar System
 7pm Laser Holiday
 8pm Season of Light
 9pm Laser Light Music Show

Planetarium Shows Admission:

Adults: \$8.00

Children 4-17: \$6.00

Children 3 and under: Free

Flandrau General Information

For more information about Flandrau Science Center and Planetarium visit flandrau.org or call 520-621-4516

Flandrau Science Center and Planetarium 2017 Hours

Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 5 pm

Fridays 9 am to 10 pm

Saturdays from 10 am to 10 pm

Sundays from 12 pm to 5 pm

Flandrau Parking Information

Flandrau is located on the University of Arizona campus on the northeast corner of Cherry Avenue and University Boulevard. Free parking is available on the University of Arizona campus on weekends, and after 5 PM Fridays in metered spaces and many parking lots. Parking is also available in the UA Cherry Avenue Garage.

Also, Flandrau is just one block from the Sun Link Streetcar's 2nd Street/Cherry Avenue stop, and there are plenty of bike racks nearby.

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