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2008-2009 Awards & Recognition for School Bridge
LEAGUE Winners



School Bridge LEAGUE hosts six tournaments for 2008-2009 school year. Each of the winners (ranking 1st -3rd in each of the four categories) of School Bridge LEAGUE tournaments will receive a School Bridge LEAGUE trophy.

Additionally, we are excited to announce that School Bridge LEAGUE will be awarding the top pair, with the highest overall cumulative score, for three out of six tournaments, a trip to NYC in June 2009 for The LEAGUE National Awards and Recognition Luncheon. The pair **MUST** also participate in a service event, counted as LEAGUE Wildcard, for the 2008-2009 school year, in addition to the ranking requirements. For more information on The LEAGUE Wildcard Events please go

to www.theleague.org

The School Bridge LEAGUE newsletter will release its next issue in February 2009. Here you will find exciting news about our students and upcoming tournament /championship games. For more information about School Bridge LEAGUE please visit our website at www.schoolbridgeleague.org.

School Bridge LEAGUE Online Shop

Great News! You no longer need to log in twice to purchase items from the School Bridge LEAGUE online shop. Simply, input your username and password from the top of the home page of www.schoolbridgeleague.org and once you are logged in, you can navigate and surf the School Bridge LEAGUE website without interruption.

Fall 2008 NABC Boston

At the Fall 2008 NABC, which took place in Boston, Massachusetts, School Bridge LEAGUE hosted a reception in conjunction with the ACBL at the Marriott Hotel in Copley Square. The reception informed members of the bridge community about opportunities to work



with a new generation of bridge players, our youth! The reception attracted individuals from diverse backgrounds, such as educators and bridge advocates. Attendees were given details on the benefits of introducing youth to bridge and how teaching the game of bridge enhances children's test scores, problem solving and critical thinking skills.

A School Bridge LEAGUE Bridge in a Box was raffled off and the winner, Max Thompson, reigns from Twin Falls, Idaho. Congrats Max!

Comments from Patty Tucker, ACBL Youth Coordinator for North America

The reception for Youth Bridge Teachers, jointly hosted by School Bridge LEAGUE and ACBL took place on Sunday, November 23, 2008. Existing teachers discussed new

ideas, talked about their plans and exchanged their experiences. In the process they provided practical experience and ideas for new teachers just starting out. This is a great way for you to find out what teaching kids bridge is all about! The next reception will be held in conjunction with the Houston NABC in March 2009.

Perhaps the most exciting news was the approval by the ACBL Board of Directors to create a Youth Division. Plans are underway to create a system of awards and recognition within ACBL for our young players. We'll keep you posted as the plans unfold and details are worked out.

Specifics for the Youth North American Bridge Championship (Youth NABC) scheduled for Washington DC July 30-Aug 1 2009 are falling in place. The website www.youthnabc.org is up and running, check there for updates to events and classes.

School Bridge LEAGUE Open Position

School Bridge LEAGUE is searching for a **Program Manager** to manage and develop the School Bridge LEAGUE division into a self-sustaining nationally-recognized program. This position reports to the VP Programming and Marketing, Doreen Stephens, The LEAGUE. Key roles of the Program Manager are split between Financial, Programming and Administrative duties.

The ideal candidate should possess a Bachelor's degree, plus at least one year experience in managing a school district based or national program and/or developing a team-based interscholastic league. Experience in fundraising. Experience as project manager; ability to plan, design, establish project metrics and deliverables and execute a must. Must possess a working knowledge of bridge, including tournament management. Must possess extensive understanding of the bridge and educational environments. Excellent interpersonal and organization skills and oral and written presentation abilities.

Applicant should be willing to work flexible hours, including some nights and weekends when and if necessary. Applicant should be willing to travel. This is a full-time permanent position based at The LEAGUE's headquarters in Newark, NJ. Salary commensurate with experience. Benefits after 90 days. No relocation allowance. To apply: Please email your

resume with salary history to
HR.Applications@leagueworldwide.org

REMINDER!!!!

School Bridge LEAGUE will host its next tournament, The King Day Tournament from January 17th- 26th. Be sure to go to www.schoolbridgeleague.org to register your class/group/organization. Please be advised that registration qualifies participants of the tournaments for awards. Also, upon registering, you will be sent a Registration Kit which includes a Welcome Letter, Lanyards (tournament pins will be sent after each completed tournament) with Membership Identification inserts and much more!



Don't Miss

School Bridge LEAGUE Partners with Center For Bridge Education in San Francisco

School Bridge LEAGUE is pleased to announce their partnership with Center for Bridge Education in San Francisco, CA. Through this partnership, both School Bridge LEAGUE and Center for Bridge Education hope to promote and expand youth bridge activities in the Bay Area. Center for Bridge Education will serve as local resource for area classroom teachers who want to bring the game of bridge into their classroom.

If your classroom is looking for local resources in your area, or if your bridge group would like to offer themselves as a resources for classroom teachers, please contact us at Paula@SchoolBridgeLeague.org