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The Return of School Bridge LEAGUE

School Bridge LEAGUE (SBL), is here again! This school year, there will be even more exciting activities for SBL participants to be a part of, from holiday themed tournaments to chances to win free giveaways. Also this year, SBL has been designed to include playing sessions at offline locations (classrooms, after school programs, senior homes and more) as well as online through our innovative and fun website (www.schoolbridgeleague.org).

School Bridge LEAGUE connects the game of Bridge with mental/social skill development and usage of mathematical applications through the Learning To Give curriculum. These lesson plans are coded to US, UK, Canadian and Australian educational standards, character education traits mandated by NCLB. The SBL curriculum supports both classroom and after school programs.

School Bridge LEAGUE has been restructured to four divisions, based on the students Bridge skills:

Division I	Novice	playing < 6 months, no tournament experience
Division II	Beginner	playing > 6 months < 2

		years, or playing < 6 months, but played in at least one tournament
<i>Division III</i>	Experienced	playing > 2 years < 4 years
<i>Division IV</i>	Advanced	playing > 4 years

The above divisions provide an opportunity for all students, regardless of experience or skill level, to participate. Signing up for SBL is quick and easy. Just log on to www.schoolbridgeleague.org and click on "Sign up here for more information".

SBL Holiday Themed Tournaments

This year, SBL will feature four tournaments, all around specific holiday themes. The first tournament, ***Halloween Tournament***, will include free airline ticket giveaways, courtesy of jetBlue Airways. We will have three divisions based on player experience and there will also be a Mini Bridge option for this tournament.

Halloween Tournament	October 27 th - November 2 nd
Winter Holiday 2007 Tournament	December 8 th - 14 th
Valentine's Day 2008 Tournament	February 4 th - 16 th
End of The Year/ Spring 2008 Tournament	April 28 th - May 10 th

Click [here](#) to register for the Halloween tournament and to submit your roster

School Bridge LEAGUE Website

School Bridge LEAGUE has redesigned their website. The new site is scheduled to launch November 5th, 2007, and will be informative, fun and more user friendly. The site will provide tools and resources for students in playing the game of bridge, social support rooms and links to other Bridge communities. Additionally, SBL participants will be able to build a profile, complete with pictures, game stats, ranking status and team information.

No matter what level player you are, this site will enhance your playing skills, offering opportunities to enter Bridge tournaments. Come check out our new site on November 5th!

Reception for Bridge Teachers of Junior Players At San Francisco NABC

Interested in teaching the game of bridge to Junior players?
Currently teaching Junior players?

Come to the ACBL National Championships, November 2007, in San Francisco and meet staff members from The **School Bridge LEAGUE** and the ACBL Education Department staff to exchange ideas and find others interested in pursuing junior bridge activities in their areas. Please email

[Patty Tucker](#) or call 404-735-4779 for additional information or inquiries.

Junior Player's Bridge Teacher's Reception

Hosted by: **School Bridge LEAGUE** and ACBL

Date: Friday, November 23rd

Location: San Francisco

Time: 10 a.m. to Noon

Free of charge

New Bridge Resources Available

Interested in getting Bridge into classrooms in your area, but not sure how to present it?

School Bridge LEAGUE has developed an Informational Toolkit to help you present the benefits of Bridge to students. The audience is classroom teachers, principals, superintendents, school boards or any other decision-makers in your district. The Toolkit includes information/ talking points on the benefits of bridge, mathematical applications of bridge, and the results of studies conducted by Dr. Christopher Shaw, which shows improved test scores among bridge players.

If you're interested in receiving a copy of this toolkit, email Mickie@SchoolBridgeLeague.org