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JM 6th Graders Win at NorCal Chess Championship

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From left: A Bay Area Chess organizer, Jake Oxendine, and Austen Li Photo provided

The team of Austen Li and Jake Oxendine, 6th graders at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School, won first place in the 6th grade team competition at the NorCal Chess Championship on May 30, 2011 in Fremont. More than a hundred players from all over the Bay Area competed in four games of chess over six hours of play. Li and Oxendine have been playing chess for many years and frequently compete at the Friday Chess Tournament in Walnut Creek organized by the Berkeley Chess School. "Jake and I did really well as a team. We are very happy about winning the first place prize for our school," said Li, who also won second place in the individual category.

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