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Play Games for Staycation

Whether you stay close to home or hit the road this summer, the World Boardgaming Championships (WBC) should earn a place at the top of the itinerary. WBC on Aug. 3-9 in Lancaster, Pa., offers the whole family a chance to get out of the heat and play boardgames—from *Risk* and *Acquire* to *Settlers of Catan*, *Axis and Allies*, and *Advanced Civilization*.

About 1,500 novice and expert boardgame players from across the United States and more than 10 other countries come together at the Lancaster Host Resort for a full week of competition and fun. “When it comes to boardgame tournaments—we offer more than 150, no one has ever done it better,” says Don Greenwood, WBC Convention Director. You’ll also find open gaming, demonstrations, programs for teens and children 12 and under, a vendor’s area to try-out and buy new games, and an auction to acquire used copies of old favorites.

“Our family attends WBC every year,” says Laurie Wojtaszczyk, mother of two sons, ages 14 and 8. “We’ve found playing boardgames to be an enjoyable activity that brings us together and gets us away from the television. As a bonus—and without the children realizing—it provides teaching opportunities on subjects such as history, geography, math, sportsmanship and teamwork.”

Joel Tamburo, who hails from Chicago, says he attends WBC simply because it is fun—“more fun than a human should be allowed to have.” He drives out annually for the week with a carload of friends from a local boardgaming club.

Lancaster local Harry Flawd also attends WBC yearly with his sons Devin and Jordan. He started when they were youngsters. They are now in college. He trained them well, as Devin is challenging his record six championships in *Paydirt*, a game with team charts patterned after NFL teams.

Beyond the gaming, Lancaster is an outstanding place to bring the family. More than five million people visit Lancaster County each year for attractions such as Dutch Wonderland Family Amusement Park and Hershey Park. Further, the Lancaster Host Resort offers a variety of family amenities, including indoor and outdoor swimming pools, and 18-hole championship golf course, game room, ping pong and pool tables, shuffleboard, driving range, lighted putting green, fitness center, 1.9 walking/jogging trail, volleyball, miniature golf, and bike rentals.

For more information, visit www.boardgamers.org or e-mail info@boardgamers.org.

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Caption: Players in the 2008 *Win Place and Show* tournament at the World Boardgaming Championships display their horses before a race. For more information about the convention—in Lancaster, Pa., from Aug. 3-9—visit boardgamers.org.



Caption: A teen program at the World Boardgaming Championships gives them a chance to try out new boardgames and make new friends in a social setting. For more information about the convention—in Lancaster, Pa., from Aug. 3-9—visit boardgamers.org.



Caption: Even losing can elicit smiles. Riku Riekkinen (center), from Finland, defeated two top-rated players in 2008 on his first visit to the World Boardgaming Championships. As a result, the Nest of Spies failed to defend its team championship, which it had won for three years straight. Regardless, everyone went away in good spirits, determined to return in 2009 for a rematch. For more information about the convention—in Lancaster, Pa., from Aug. 3-9—visit boardgamers.org.