

# E394 - The New Chunin Exams

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**[00:20]** ---

*Sakura... I leave Naruto  
in your hands!*

**[00:29]** ---

*He has always been  
our village's symbol of hope.*

**[00:40]** ---

*Ever since that time,  
everyone has always...*

**[00:50]** ---

What did Lord Jiraiya say?

**[00:53]** ---

It seems the training  
is going well.

**[01:09]** ---

Shadow Clone Jutsu!

**[01:14]** ---

Giant Rasengan!

**[01:21]** ---

The force of your Rasengan

**[01:23]** ---

has grown in  
just two years of training.

**[01:29]** ---

Perhaps it's about time  
we move on to the next level.

**[01:33]** ---

Next level?

**[01:34]** ---

Yes...

**[01:37]** ---

What're you gonna do?

**[01:39]** ---

Perhaps the time has come  
to utilize your inner power.

**[01:43]** ---

Is that...?

**[01:45]** ---

Yes... You may have to put your life  
on the line for this training.

**[01:49]** ---

All right, I'm ready for it!

**[01:59]** ---

It's been two years already...

**[02:03]** ---

The day that brat returns  
may soon be upon us.

**[02:08]** ---

LEAF HOSPITAL

**[02:18]** ---

Naruto is a mysterious being...

**[02:22]** ---

He's been away from the village  
for two whole years and yet...

**[02:41]** ---

Inuzuka Style!

Man Beast Transformation Combo!

**[02:43]** ---

Two-Headed Wolf!

**[02:47]** ---

Wolf Fang Over Fang!

**[02:52]** ---

...his presence keeps on growing.

**[03:03]** ---

Are you all right?

**[03:07]** ---

I'm at my limit!

**[03:08]** ---

Just ten more laps!

**[03:10]** ---

If you stop now,  
Naruto will laugh at you!

**[03:15]** ---

Everyone seems to keep Naruto  
in their thoughts as they train!

**[03:36]** ---

A messenger hawk!

**[03:42]** ---

Where?!

**[03:45]** ---

Lord Kazekage!

**[03:46]** ---

A Shinobi Hawk has  
brought a message

**[03:49]** ---

from the Hidden Leaf's  
Fifth Hokage.

**[05:24]** ---

The New Chunin Exams

**[05:36]** ---

I was getting tired of waiting.

**[05:39]** ---

You're our welcoming party?

**[05:41]** ---

Thank you for coming to meet us.

**[05:43]** ---

Well, it's a drag,  
but seeing as it's Lord Kazekage...

**[05:49]** ---

Welcome.

**[05:58]** ---

Here is the data from  
the Chunin Exams two years ago.

**[06:05]** ---

A total of 153 entrants.

**[06:08]** ---

Information about  
the entrant's village,

**[06:10]** ---

the three rounds of exams,  
and the qualifying statistics

**[06:12]** ---

have been compiled  
for easy reading.

**[06:15]** ---

But you would know more  
about the reason behind

**[06:18]** ---

the interruption of the final round  
and its chronology.

**[06:22]** ---

Due to the suspension  
of the last Chunin Exams,

**[06:25]** ---

the Hidden Leaf would like to

sponsor a combined Chunin Exam.

**[06:30]** ---

Thanks in part to  
the Hidden Leaf's cooperation,

**[06:32]** ---

the situation in  
our village has stabilized

**[06:34]** ---

during the last two years...

**[06:35]** ---

In particular,

**[06:36]** ---

our training curriculum  
has been very successful

**[06:39]** ---

and we have developed more genin

**[06:41]** ---

who are qualified to  
take the Chunin Exams.

**[06:43]** ---

Then you have no objection  
to our sponsoring an event?

**[06:47]** ---

Before that, Lady Hokage...  
What's your true motive?

**[06:53]** ---

"True motive?"

**[06:56]** ---

I mean the timing of this thing.  
Why hold the Chunin Exams now?

**[07:00]** ---

If the reason is lack of personnel...

**[07:02]** ---

you could have done this sooner.

**[07:07]** ---

All right.

**[07:08]** ---

I'll be honest.

**[07:12]** ---

The first reason is to gauge  
the reactions of

**[07:14]** ---

each of the villages  
within the Five Great Nations.

**[07:18]** ---

Each, who on the surface,  
purport to be at peace.

**[07:22]** ---

Their response to having  
the combined Chunin Exams

**[07:25]** ---

will reveal their true feelings.

**[07:27]** ---

The second reason is to  
investigate Akatsuki's movements.

**[07:32]** ---

It's said that they seek  
the Tailed Beasts from each village,

**[07:35]** ---

but they've been awfully quiet  
these past two years.

**[07:39]** ---

You want to use the Chunin Exams  
to open the village

**[07:42]** ---

to create an opportunity  
to lure the Akatsuki out?

**[07:47]** ---

Yes. The Akatsuki have  
probably grown impatient

**[07:50]** ---

and are ready to make a move.

**[08:00]** ---

This is a risky—

**[08:01]** ---

Hold on.

**[08:06]** ---

These Chunin Exams...

**[08:08]** ---

The Hidden Sand  
would like to host it,

**[08:11]** ---

in conjunction with  
my introduction as Kazekage.

**[08:16]** ---

That will not do.

**[08:18]** ---

The Hidden Leaf must  
sponsor these Chunin Exams.

**[08:22]** ---

It's so that we may finish  
what we started previously.

**[08:25]** ---

Yes, absolutely.

**[08:29]** ---

Lord Kazekage cannot  
decide this all by himself.

**[08:32]** ---

He must consult the village elders.

**[08:35]** ---

Yeah. We need time to contact them.

**[08:39]** ---

Let's come back to this again  
at the next meeting.

**[08:45]** ---

Fine.

**[08:48]** ---

We'll settle this during  
the next meeting.

**[08:58]** ---

This is becoming a drag.

**[09:01]** ---

Yeah. I didn't expect Gaara  
to make such an announcement.

**[09:06]** ---

He really didn't tell you anything?

**[09:09]** ---

That came out of nowhere.

**[09:11]** ---

Well, he probably  
has his own ideas.

**[09:24]** ---

I leave it to you.

**[09:26]** ---

If the Hokage is right  
and the Akatsuki make their move,

**[09:29]** ---

you're going to be  
their target, right?

**[09:32]** ---

If the enemy wants  
the Tailed Beasts,

**[09:34]** ---

they'll come for me  
sooner or later.

**[09:37]** ---

Then I'll just be the bait  
and take them down.

**[09:40]** ---

What are you saying?!

**[09:41]** ---

The village has welcomed you  
as their new Kazekage

**[09:44]** ---

but things are still unstable!

**[09:48]** ---

I'm aware of that.

**[09:51]** ---

I know that some are not happy  
that I have become the Kazekage...

**[09:55]** ---

and would welcome  
an opportunity to kill me.

**[10:00]** ---

Then why would you even consider  
hosting the event in our village?!

**[10:02]** ---

It is precisely why I want

**[10:03]** ---

the Chunin Exams  
in Hidden Sand Village.

**[10:07]** ---

You can't be serious!

**[10:09]** ---

It's not the Akatsuki  
you want to lure out...

**[10:12]** ---

But the rebels in the village?

**[10:16]** ---

That's just too dangerous.

**[10:33]** ---

Regarding the combined  
Chunin Exams under discussion...

**[10:35]** ---

It is Lord Kazekage's desire

**[10:37]** ---

to host the event  
in Hidden Sand Village.

**[10:40]** ---

He intends to introduce himself  
to the other nations.

**[10:45]** ---

Is that wise?

**[10:47]** ---

While things have been quiet  
for a while now,

**[10:50]** ---

it does not change

the fact that Gaara is

**[10:51]** ---

"a military weapon to be feared."

**[10:54]** ---

As long as Gaara lives,

**[10:56]** ---

this village can never  
be truly at peace.

**[11:02]** ---

For the second round of the exam,  
Lord Gaara intends to

**[11:06]** ---

suggest the Demon Desert  
as a suitable arena.

**[11:11]** ---

And we, the Hidden Sand,  
will do our utmost to support him!

**[11:23]** ---

Yura is on to us.

**[11:26]** ---

No...everyone is  
uneasy about Gaara.

**[11:30]** ---

But that's not enough  
to plan a coup d'état.

**[11:34]** ---

Well, well...my elders...

**[11:37]** ---

Of all places to find you.

**[11:40]** ---

What do you want?

**[11:41]** ---

We said we are in favor  
of Lord Gaara's plan.

**[11:45]** ---

Nothing, I just forgot to tell you...

**[11:48]** ---

Lord Gaara plans to  
personally supervise the exam site.

**[11:55]** ---

We'll have to be very careful  
with preparations.

**[11:57]** ---

After all, the second round  
is a survival test

**[12:01]** ---

and there are always fatalities.

**[12:04]** ---

Why who's to say  
nothing will happen

**[12:07]** ---

to the supervisor himself,  
Lord Gaara...

**[12:13]** ---

Excuse me...

**[12:19]** ---

So this is the perfect opportunity  
to get rid of the Kazekage

**[12:22]** ---

and make it look purely accidental...

**[12:25]** ---

But he is a Jinchuriki.

**[12:27]** ---

There's a way.

**[12:29]** ---

The first Jinchuriki, Bunpuku,

**[12:32]** ---

was able to temporarily seal  
Shukaku into a teapot.

**[12:35]** ---

We can use that...

**[12:39]** ---

What is your decision,  
Lady Tsunade?

**[12:45]** ---

Two years ago, Jiraiya had intel  
that said the Akatsuki would

**[12:49]** ---

target Naruto  
in three or four years.

**[12:54]** ---

And two years have passed...

**[12:56]** ---

I'm sure they're itching  
to make a move.

**[13:00]** ---

You're not going to use Naruto  
as bait are you?

**[13:02]** ---

No...

**[13:03]** ---

As the Hokage of  
Hidden Leaf Village,

**[13:06]** ---

I cannot do such a thing.

**[13:10]** ---

Don't tell me...Lord Kazekage  
will assume that role?

**[13:14]** ---

As luck would have it,  
he was the one who proposed it.

**[13:17]** ---

But will the advisors agree?

**[13:20]** ---

I'll placate them  
by suggesting a joint-sponsorship.

**[13:24]** ---

We can't negotiate any further.

**[13:29]** ---

I looked over the plans  
you submitted...

**[13:36]** ---

What do you think about

**[13:37]** ---

a joint-sponsorship  
with the Hidden Leaf?

**[13:42]** ---

We'll hold round one,  
the written exam,

**[13:43]** ---

at the Hidden Leaf...

**[13:45]** ---

And the Hidden Sand

**[13:47]** ---

will host the site of  
the second round survival test.

**[13:54]** ---

The Forest of Death has  
become too familiar as a test site.

**[13:59]** ---

I was just thinking a new site  
would be necessary.

**[14:02]** ---

Hmm... I agree.

**[14:10]** ---

We have no objections.

**[14:17]** ---

All right then...

**[14:20]** ---

We'll meet again  
at the Chunin Exams.

**[14:22]** ---

Yeah...

**[14:24]** ---

Come to us if any trouble arises.

**[14:27]** ---

We'll take care of it, Mr. Crybaby.

**[14:34]** ---

Damn it. She doesn't change.

**[14:40]** ---

The Hidden Sound probably  
won't take part this time around...

**[14:43]** ---

So should we just send invitations

**[14:46]** ---

to everyone else  
from the last time?

**[14:48]** ---

Yes. In addition,  
send invitations for

**[14:51]** ---

the introduction of  
the new Kazekage

**[14:53]** ---

to every village within  
the Five Great Nations.

**[14:56]** ---

I see...

**[14:58]** ---

Then we can monitor  
each village's response.

**[15:00]** ---

Aside from Akatsuki,  
this is the other reason

**[15:04]** ---

for reopening  
the combined Chunin Exams.

**[15:07]** ---

Yes, I understand.

**[15:22]** ---

Deliver this to every village.

**[15:25]** ---

It's the invitation to  
the Chunin Exams.

**[15:27]** ---

- Right!  
- Right!

**[15:37]** ---

We've put out the bait...

**[15:40]** ---

Now, let's see how they react.

**[16:07]** ---

Lady Tsunade.

**[16:08]** ---

The Hidden Sand replied right away...

**[16:13]** ---

Oh...

**[16:14]** ---

They'll be sending nine teams...

27 genin.

**[16:18]** ---

Last time,

they sent 30 in ten teams...

**[16:22]** ---

Although that's one team short,

**[16:24]** ---

considering the Hidden Sand's  
current situation,

**[16:26]** ---

one has to commend them  
for nurturing this many genin.

**[16:29]** ---

Yes...

**[16:31]** ---

Any word from the other villages?

**[16:35]** ---

No, not yet.

**[16:37]** ---

How will the other Kage respond?

**[16:43]** ---

Chunin Exams, you say?!

**[16:47]** ---

Damn that Princess Tsunade!

**[16:48]** ---

She's getting carried away!

**[16:50]** ---

She probably coaxed  
the Kazekage into cooperating...

**[16:53]** ---

...and plans to get the jump on us  
within the Five Great Nations.

**[16:57]** ---

What will you do?

**[16:59]** ---

Ignore her!

**[17:00]** ---

Just ignore her!

**[17:03]** ---

Do not mention a word of this,  
or the past, to anyone!

**[17:06]** ---

Especially Bee!  
Do not let him find out!

**[17:09]** ---

Whenever there  
are events like this,

**[17:11]** ---

he gets excited about live concerts  
and what not.

**[17:16]** ---

Actually, I already told him.

**[17:18]** ---

What?!

**[17:19]** ---

He kept asking questions...  
I'm sorry.

**[17:24]** ---

Bee!

**[17:25]** ---

Where is Bee?!

**[17:28]** ---

Don't tell me...

**[17:30]** ---

Find Bee immediately  
and bring him here!

**[17:33]** ---

Understood.

**[17:35]** ---

This is so dull...

**[17:38]** ---

A concert at Hidden Leaf Village...

**[17:41]** ---

Tuning up at the Chunin Exams...

**[17:44]** ---

Take a lesson from Kin-chan Sensei!

**[17:49]** ---

Yay!

**[17:51]** ---

Bee! Lord Raikage wants to see you!

**[17:53]** ---

Please return!

**[17:55]** ---

Fool, ya fool!

**[18:01]** ---

What did Lord Raikage say?

**[18:04]** ---

Unfortunately, they are swamped  
with village business

**[18:07]** ---

and don't have enough  
time to prepare.

**[18:15]** ---

Now why would the Hokage  
and Kazekage send a letter?

**[18:20]** ---

Seems they're resuming  
the Chunin Exams...

**[18:27]** ---

What shall we do?

**[18:29]** ---

We must consider the matter  
with Lord Yagura the Fourth...

**[18:31]** ---

I believe we should concentrate  
on rebuilding the village...

**[18:36]** ---

You may have a point.

**[18:38]** ---

Yes!

**[18:39]** ---

We can't be wasting  
our time participating

**[18:41]** ---

in a ceremony announcing  
the new Kazekage...

**[18:44]** ---

CEREMONY

*Ceremony...*

**[18:46]** ---

CAN'T WASTE TIME FOR  
A CEREMONY FOR ME

*Can't waste time for  
a ceremony for me?*

**[18:52]** ---

Shut up or I'll kill you.

**[18:54]** ---

What?!

**[18:57]** ---

Perhaps we should forego  
the Chunin Exams this time.

**[19:03]** ---

Let's do that.

**[19:07]** ---

It seems the Hidden Mist  
are tied up as well.

**[19:18]** ---

The Hidden Leaf has  
delivered an invitation

**[19:20]** ---

to the combined Chunin Exams!

**[19:26]** ---

Their ulterior motive  
is crystal clear!

**[19:28]** ---

They want to test  
the strength of the villages

**[19:31]** ---

and prepare for the next battle!

**[19:35]** ---

Just throw it back in their face!

**[19:39]** ---

I intend to do so!

**[19:44]** ---

This is what I'll do  
to their invitation!

**[20:07]** ---

WIND NATION FIRE NATION

**[20:09]** ---

I want you to go here.

**[20:13]** ---

To Hidden Rain Village.

**[20:15]** ---

Yes, the most troublesome spot.

**[20:19]** ---

As expected, every person  
who enters is investigated,

**[20:23]** ---

and they're kept under strict  
surveillance during their stay.

**[20:27]** ---

Hanzo of the Salamander rules it...

**[20:31]** ---

Yes, so I've heard.

**[20:33] ---**

Even if I'm carrying an invitation  
to the combined Chunin Exams,

**[20:36] ---**

I doubt if they'll  
let me in easily.

**[20:39] ---**

There's domestic instability  
and even rumors of a coup d'état.

**[20:43] ---**

It's so closed off, no one knows  
the true state of things.

**[20:47] ---**

While I'm at it, shall I look into  
their internal affairs then?

**[20:51] ---**

Yes, but don't take any chances.

**[22:37] ---**

Are you actually  
going to supervise?

**[22:39] ---**

Yes. I'm going to participate  
among frontlines

**[22:42] ---**

of the Second Round by supervising.

**[22:44] ---**

What will you achieve  
by smoking out the rebels?

**[22:47] ---**

No...

**[22:48] ---**

Then why? Why would you go  
so far as to face danger head on?

**[22:53] ---**

Next time on Naruto Shippuden:

The Chunin Exams Begin!

**[22:58] ---**

Naruto is working hard  
to forge bonds with others...

**[23:02] ---**

THE CHUNIN EXAMS BEGIN!

**[23:05] ---**

Tune in again!

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