



Birthdays in April



Happy birthday to the following students of Axe Taekwon-Do: Mr. Buckley, Mr. Callison, Ms. McDermott and Mr. House. Please email Grand Master Todd at ustfneb@cox.net if your name is not listed.

Special Announcement



The Offutt Youth Center has notified me that my contract will be extended so we do not have to worry about locating a place to train for June, July & August. I will be back on contract for another year. I typically sign a new yearly contract each year. This is great news for us all. I have also requested they run the marketing drive again to assist us with bringing in new students.

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USTF Technical Seminar — Thornton, Colorado:

The USTF Technical Seminar will be held at the Thornton Community Center on April 23rd. The seminar is hosted by USTF Headquarters and will be taught by the USTF Technical

Director, Grand Master Winegar. This course is limited to Red belt and black belts only. The course is scheduled to run from 830 am to 230 pm. This course is highly recommended for all black belts.

The following students are attending: Grand Master Todd, Master Bushor, Mrs. Ragone, Mr. Toppi, Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Buckley, Ms. Chamberlin, Mrs. Duralia, Mrs. Chamberlin, Ms. Grant, Ms. Buckley, Ms. McDermott, and Ms. Lewis. This course provides 8 hours of continuing education

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Calendar Dates

- Apr 23rd—Technical Course—CO
- May 1st—Final payment for Summer Camp due—\$345
- May 26th—Axe TKD Testing
- Jun 19-24—Sereff World Camp
- Aug 25th—Axe TKD Testing
- Aug ?? - Tournament—MO
- Sep 17th—Tournament—WY
- Oct 15th—Referee Seminar—CO
- Oct 16th—Tournament—CO
- Nov 17th—Axe TKD Testing

Sereff World Camp—2nd payment due—May 1st:

I sent in 21 camp registrations for the following students to attend camp this year. Grand Master Todd, Mrs. Ragone, Ms. Ragone, Ms. Grant, Mrs. Lewis, Ms. Kelly, Mrs. Kelly, Mr. Kelly, Ms. House, J., Ms. House, E., Mrs. House, Mr. House, Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Buckley, Ms. Buckley, Mr. Toppi, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Garber, A., Mr. Garber, D. Mr. Callison, and Mr. Jensen.

The remaining balance of **\$345 is due by May 1st**. I will send this into USTF HQ for all that are attending.

New Taekwon-Do uniforms (Dobok):

Do you need a new uniform? Remember you must have pride and give the proper respect to our training uniform called the Dobok. We are not like some schools where you have a demonstration uniform, testing and a practice uniform. We have one uniform. You should look presentable during all training sessions to include testing. From the USTF Dress & Appearance Guide:

Dobok

The dobok is the white traditional “front closure” Taekwon-Do uniform. This uniform was specifically designed by the Founder of Taekwon-Do, Gen. Choi Hong Hi and will be worn with pride with the following mandatory instructions. The dobok should always be clean and serviceable, when it no longer fits, becomes torn, stained or discolored it must be replaced.

Dobok Top

The sleeves must not be rolled up and the end of the sleeves should slightly touch your wrist. It is permissible to tailor the sleeves for fit. Your top should extend down below your belt and not be too long nor become untucked with simple movements. The length of the top should be to the top of the thigh. All manufacturer labels will be removed from the outside of the dobok.

Authorized Patches

The following patches are authorized for members training within the USTF.

Flashes

The flashes are worn on the top shoulders of the dobok top for black belts and centered halfway between the collar and the sleeve seam. The following flashes are authorized for wear within the USTF. The flashes are not earned by attending any course and they are mandatory for 4th degree black belts and above. The flashes can be purchased from USTF Headquarters.



Assistant Instructor Flash: This flash is authorized for assistant instructors 1st – 3rd degree black belts. Instructors will mandate who in their schools are authorized to wear this flash. If you are the lead instructor in your school as a 1st through 3rd degree black belt you should wear the flash.



Instructor Flash: This flash is mandatory for all 4th – 6th degree black belts. This does not designate the “head instructor” of a school but simply denotes the rank of 4th through 6th degree black belt.

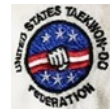


Master Instructor Flash: This flash is mandatory for all 7th – 8th degree black belts. This flash denotes “master instructor”.



Grand Master Instructor Flash: This flash is mandatory for all 9th degree black belts. This flash denotes “grand master”.

Organizational Patches



Once students join the USTF they must wear, the USTF and ITF patch. The USTF patch is worn on the right side of the dobok top lapel. The ITF patch is worn on the left side of the dobok top lapel. The policy within the USTF is that all members must join the USTF when testing to green belt, they can join sooner. These patches are mandatory for members and can be either the traditional fabric patch or the patches can be embroidered. The patches must be purchased from USTF Headquarters. To have patches embroidered you must contact USTF Headquarters for guidance on which commercial company is authorized by law to embroider the patches. You can also have your name/title embroidered above the USTF patch. You can have your title “Master Instructor”, “State Director”, “Instructor”, embroidered below the USTF patch. All titles and rank should accurately reflect current titles and rank. These patches are trademarked by Sereff Taekwon-Do.

American Flag Patch



This is a mandatory patch and the only flag patch authorized to be worn by Taekwon-Do students training in a USTF Taekwon-Do school. The American Flag patch can be a patch or embroidered. The border of the patch can be yellow or white and in either the square or “waiving” design. The patch is worn on the left sleeve of the dobok directly below the seam where the sleeve joins the top. For appearance peewee students or smaller doboks may have to sew the American Flag patch above this seam.

Qualification Patches

These patches can only be awarded by attending a USTF qualification seminar.

USTF Instructor Patches

You can only wear one of these patches at a time, if you progress to the next level you replace the patch with your current qualification. They are sewn under the American Flag patch on the left sleeve of the dobok top. For appearance, you can allow a slight gap between the American Flag patch and the USTF Instructor patch.



Class C: Can be worn by the 1st – 3rd degree black belt after successfully attending a USTF Instructor Class C Course. The patch features the bronze letters USTF INSTRUCTOR with a black background. This patch is only available through USTF Headquarters.



Class B: Can be worn by 4th – 5th degree black belts after successfully attending a USTF Class B Instructor Course. The patch features the silver letters USTF INSTRUCTOR with a black background. You must have attended the Class C Course prior to attending the Class B Course. This patch is only available through USTF Headquarters.



Class A: Can be worn by 6th degree black belts and above after successfully attending a USTF Class A Instructor Course. The patch features the gold letters USTF INSTRUCTOR with a black background. You must have attended the Class C and Class B Course prior to attending the Class A Course. This patch is only available through USTF Headquarters.

USTF Referee Patches

You can only wear one of these patches at a time, if you progress to the next level you replace the patch with your current qualification. For appearance, you can allow a slight gap between the USTF Instructor patch and the USTF Referee patch. In the absence of a USTF Instructor patch the USTF Referee patch will be sewn under the American Flag patch.



Class C: Can be worn by blue belt red stripe and above after successfully attending a USTF Class C Referee Course. The patch features the white letters USTF REFEREE with a blue background. This patch is only available through USTF Headquarters. Students above the age of 13 must become USTF certified class C referees prior to testing for 1st degree black belt.



Class B: Can be worn by students after successfully attending a USTF Class B Referee Course and meeting all requirements to progress from Class C to Class B. The patch features the white letters USTF REFEREE with a red background. You must have attended the Class C Course prior to attending the Class B Course. This patch is only available through USTF Headquarters. Adult students must become USTF certified class B referees prior to testing for 2nd degree black belt.



Class A: Can be worn by students after successfully attending a USTF Class A Referee Course and meeting all requirements to progress from Class B to Class A. The patch features the white letters USTF REFEREE with a black background. You must have attended the Class C Course and Class B Course prior to the Class A Course. This patch is only available through USTF Headquarters. Students must become USTF certified class A referees prior to testing for 5th degree black belt.

School Patch



You are authorized to wear only one school patch at a time. The school patch should reflect pride in your school and must not discredit the USTF by displaying inappropriate or offensive images or language. It is advisable to have USTF Headquarters review school patches for compliance with this regulation. The school patch is worn on the right sleeve in approximately the same position on the sleeve as the American Flag is on the left sleeve.



Taekwon-Do Tree

The Taekwon-Do Tree will be worn on the back of all dobok tops for students training in any associated USTF school. The Taekwon-Do Tree can either be embroidered or silkscreened. No other design or logos are allowed on the official dobok top. This design is trademarked by Sereff Taekwon-Do. There will be no addition of state names or country unless specifically authorized in writing by the USTF Headquarters

Dobok Pants

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The pants length should be to the top of the ankle bone. The letters I T F will be embroidered or silkscreened at roughly knee height on the outside seam of each pant leg. The pants can feature an elastic or drawstring waist. Your pants are part of a matching uniform and should match in color and fit similar to the dobok top. This design is trademarked by the USTF.

Black Belt Trim

Black trim around the edge of the top is worn only by the back belt holder. The piping is three centimeters (1.17 inches) in width. This is symbolic of the royal family and members of the aristocratic houses during the Koguryo, Baekje and Silla Dynasties. The 4th degree and above will wear black piping 3 centimeters (1.17 inches) in width on the sides of the sleeves and outside seam of the pants the stripe should run from the top to the bottom and only interrupted to stop shortly before and commence shortly after the letters ITF.

Unauthorized logos

No other logos are permissible on the dobok top or pants. It is mandatory that all ranks wear the official USTF dobok with all required patches. Past policy allowed for schools that promote introduction programs, little dragons, transition classes, etc., to have different uniforms or a different logo on the back of their uniform. Any student that has tested for a USTF ranking of 9th gup White Belt Yellow Stripe or above they must wear the official USTF dobok. No exceptions are allowed.

Autographs on Dobok

Only 7th degree black belt or above should sign their name on a dobok as an autograph. This is a student's choice and should not be a mandatory or routine practice.

Clothing under the Dobok

It is permissible to wear a t-shirt under the dobok but it must be white in color.

Hair Accessories

There will be no hats, scarves or other headgear worn with the dobok or USTF blues. Exceptions to the wear of headgear will be during a camp where the director can approve the wear. Exemptions for religious headgear must be submitted in writing to USTF Headquarters for review and approval. Hair accessories such as fabric ties, elastic bands or barrettes should match the natural color of your hair. When wearing the dobok no hard accessories such as hairpins, combs, clips or headband are authorized for wear.

More information on Dress and Appearance in May.

Axe Taekwon-Do

Axe Taekwon-Do was formed in 2004 at Offutt Air Force Base. Grand Master Todd and Master Bushor formed Axe Taekwon-Do which is an authorized school under the United States Taekwon-Do Federation.

USTF Taekwon-Do has been active at Offutt Air Force Base, Youth Center since 1988. The classes were originally founded by Mr. Vince Dowd, a 3rd degree black belt from Colorado. In 1989, the late Sr. Master Gary Meek took over the classes and renamed the school Meek's International Taekwon-Do. In 2004, the school was renamed Axe Taekwon-Do and Grand Master Todd and Master Bushor took over the teaching.

Classes are taught on Tuesday & Thursday.

Beginners: 5:30—6:30 pm

Advanced: 6:30-8:00 pm

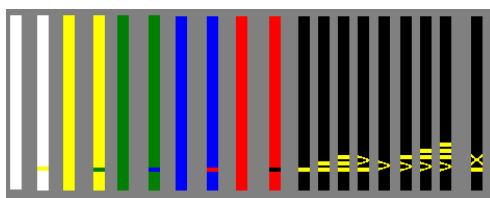
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Promotion Testing—Axe Taekwon-Do:



The next scheduled test will be May 26th at the Youth Center. We will notify all students that will be testing in late April or early May. Future promotion tests will be held in late August and in late November.

USTF Tournament—Kirksville, Missouri:

More information coming soon for a August 2022 tournament in Kirksville, Missouri. We always send a strong contingent of students to this event.

USTF Tournament—Casper, Wyoming:

The 22nd Annual Wyoming tournament will be held September 17, 2022 in Casper, Wyoming. We typically send students to this tournament and the event Sparring, Patterns and a Team Breaking Division. More on this later. You can read the flyer and registration information at: <http://www.axetkd.com/PDF/WyInvit2022.pdf>

USTF Tournament—Broomfield, Colorado:

The Annual Sereff Taekwon-Do tournament will be held either October 16th, 2022 or October 23rd, 2022 in Broomfield, Colorado. This is the largest event for tournaments and we typically send most of our students to this event. More on this later.

Recruiting:

We need more students in the class. Please help us by recruiting your family and friends. I have requested the Youth Center to run their marketing again, but you are the best source for recruiting new students. We enjoy the family feeling in Axe Taekwon-Do, help us grow that family!