

Happy Birthday - December

We want to wish a very Happy Birthday to the following members of the Axe Taekwon-Do family:

Dec 2: Ms. Grant
Dec 19: Mrs. Duralia



Is your birthday missing? If so, please email axetkd@gmail.com so we can be sure to celebrate!

Promotion Testing & Celebration Luncheon - Dec 6

Congratulations to all who tested recently and their successful promotions.



Black Belts

6th Degree Black Belt, Mrs. Ragone and Mr. Toppi.
5th Degree Black Belt, Mr. Buckley.
4th Degree Black Belt, Ms. Buckley.
2nd Degree Black Belt, Mrs. Lewis.
1st Degree Black Belt, Ms. Piele.

Color Belts

2nd Gup Red Belt, Mr. Michael Williams.
5th Gup Green Belt Blue Stripe, Ms. Aurelia Steinberg, Ms. Addison Taylor, Mr. Jeremiah Steinberg, and Mr. Harrison Hammering.
6th Gup, Green Belt, Mr. Joshua Hammerling.
7th Gup Yellow Belt Green Stripe, Mr. Carson Suggs. and Mr. Brendon Roman.
8th Gup Yellow Belt, Mr. Easton Walsh



Testing Group—December 2025

Normally we do not schedule tests in December or on a Saturday, this is a special event. In 2026 we will return to the regular testing schedule of February, May, August, and November.



Mr. Williams - Twisting Kick



Ms. Piele - 1 tile



Mr. Roman - Side Piercing Kick



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Calendar Dates 2025-2026

- Dec 18 - Axe TKD Holiday Party
- Dec 23-Jan 1—Closed Holidays
- Jan 2026 - BB Holiday Party
- Jun 21-26, 2026 - Sereff World Camp

Promotion Testing & Celebration Luncheon - Dec 6 (continued)



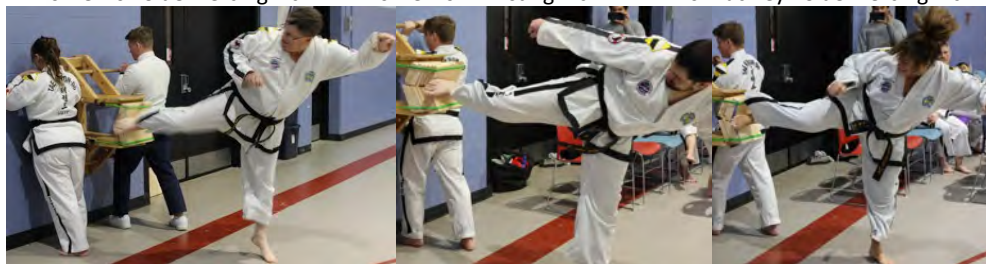
Ms. Lewis - 2 tiles Ms. Buckley - 1 tile Mr. Buckley - 4 tiles Mr. Toppi - 4 tiles



Mrs. Ragone - 4 tiles Ms. Piele - Flying Front Snap Kick Ms. Piele - Twisting Kick



Ms. Lewis - Side Piercing kick Ms. Lewis - Twisting Kick Ms. Buckley - Side Piercing Kick



Mr. Buckley - Side Piercing Kick Mr. Toppi - Side Piercing Kick Mrs. Ragone - Side Piercing Kick

***Annual Axe Taekwon-Do Party - December 18th
530 - 8 pm***

The Annual Class Holiday Party will be held in the Youth center on December 18th, during class time. There will be no classes that night and the dress will be casual. We will have a chili or whatever competition where the winner will receive a voucher for \$75.00 which can be used for any Taekwon-Do related event or gear. I will email out the flyer and further details soon. I already have all details scheduled, the event will roughly follow prior parties. All you have to do is show up (bring a dish if you want to compete). There will be a sign up sheet in class so we can ensure we have everything covered.



Class Holiday Break for the holidays

We will not hold classes from December 23rd to January 1st. I look forward to seeing all of you back in training on January 6th. Please take this time to enjoy with your family and friends. You will come back to training in January refreshed and ready to train. During this down time ensure you are still practicing your patterns. Don't worry if you miss a class due to a closure, or your schedule, you are always welcome to make up by attending both classes on another day. In fact, any student may attend both classes. Class times are as follows:



5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (first class)

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (second class, with the option to leave at 7:30 p.m. if needed)

Bad Weather—Class Cancellation

Axe Taekwon-Do will only be closed for bad weather if the Youth Center is closed. Typically, if the base is closed, the Youth Center will also close. Otherwise, we will proceed with training as scheduled. If you ever have questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me via email at axetkd@gmail.com, text at 402-650-4399, or by calling the Youth Center directly at 402-294-5152. I will also keep everyone informed by texting, emailing, and posting updates on Facebook in the event of a cancellation.



2026 Sereff Taekwon-Do World Camp at Snow Mountain Ranch

Sereff Taekwon-Do is excited to welcome you and your family to the 2026 Sereff World Camp, a week of world class Taekwon-Do training in the breathtaking Rocky Mounts of Winter Park, Colorado. From Grand Lake to Snow Mountain Ranch, campers will experience a full week of challenging and inspiring training with some of the finest instructors in the world. The traditional waterfall and lake training sessions promise to be both unforgettable and invigorating.



Accommodations and meals: All campers are required to stay on campus. Each room will accommodate 4-5 campers in a single room. The bunks include linens, blankets, and towels. A three meal per day service is included. USTF Headquarters will handle room assignments; however, if you have a preferred roommate, please include your request in writing when submitting your registration forms. (These will be attached to an email to all students)

Arrival and Check-In: Campers should arrive **no earlier than 3:00 p.m.** on **Sunday, June 21.** USTF HQ will check in the group at approximately 4:00 p.m. Many campers will meet at Sereff Taekwon-Do in Broomfield, Colorado, to carpool to Snow Mountain Ranch around 1:00 p.m. that Sunday.

Eligibility: Students under the **age of 13** must include a **written instructor recommendation** with their registration form for review and approval. ***Any Axe Taekwon-Do students that want to attend contact me for guidance on this and camp registration.***

Registration: Space is limited to **115 campers**, so be sure to make your reservation early to secure your spot during this incredible week of Taekwon-Do, friendship, and mountain adventure! ***All registrations and payments need to process through me, Grand Master Todd.***

Axe Taekwon-Do

Axe Taekwon-Do was formed in 2004 at Offutt Air Force Base. Grand Master Todd and (Retired) Sr. 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.

2026 Sereff Taekwon-Do World Camp at Snow Mountain Ranch

Sereff World Camp Room & Board: \$700 per camper (t-shirt is included)

Non-refundable deposit: \$350, due by **December 30, 2025**

Remaining Balance: \$350, due by **May 1, 2026**

Remember these fees include all training, lodging and food.

I will distribute the camp flyer and registration information in class to all students. Axe Taekwon-Do has been a strong supporter of this camp for many years, and I am honored to serve as one of the camp co-directors. In previous years, we have brought more than twenty students to participate. While some instructors have expressed a goal of bringing even larger groups, which is excellent for the camp and the USTF, I want to emphasize this is not a competition among schools. My goal is to encourage every student to consider attending this outstanding camp.

If you are planning to travel for only one Taekwon-Do event next year, this camp is highly recommended. It offers a unique opportunity to train with students and instructors from across the United States and around the world including participants from Canada, Ireland, Scotland, and Australia. Space is limited, and registration must be completed before December 30, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact me in class, by text 402-650-4399 or email: axetkd@gmail.com.

Annual Holiday Black Belt Luncheon - January 2026

Due to the rapidly approaching holidays and our December testing, our annual Black Belt Luncheon will be held in January. This is a time for us to come together to celebrate a successful year and plan for the year ahead. This luncheon is provided by me, and I sincerely hope you will attend and enjoy the event. During the gathering, we will review how 2025 went for our school and discuss plans and goals for 2026. Once again, we will meet at Pizza Ranch, which continues to be a convenient and cost-effective location for hosting our group. While the food and location are enjoyable, the true purpose of this event is the opportunity to connect and share time together as a school.

Dress: Casual

Who: All Active black belts

Date & RSVP: To be decided soon

Location: Pizza Ranch, 3505 Metro Drive, Council Bluffs, IA

Time: 12 pm – 2 pm

Classes are taught on Tuesday & Thursday.

Beginners: 5:30—6:30 pm

Advanced: 6:30-8:00 pm

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