



Birthdays in February

Happy birthday to the following students of Axe Taekwon-Do: Mr. Parnell, Ms. Chamberlin, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Johnson, W., and Mr. Matos, Keenan

Farewell

Sadly, we had to bid farewell to Mr. Palmer. Mr. Palmer is on active duty in the Air Force and departed this area for a new assignment in the Maryland area. Sadly, Mr. Palmer was only with our class for a few years but was very active. We wish him well and hope he opens his own Taekwon-Do school. He would be an excellent instructor.

Bad Weather—Class Cancellation



Axe Taekwon-Do will not close for bad weather unless the Youth Center is closed. Typically, if local schools are canceled or the base is closed the Youth Center will close, otherwise we are there training. You can email or text Grand Master Todd at ustfneb@cox.net or 402-650-4399. You can also call the Youth Center directly at 402-294-5152.

Promotion Testing—February 28th

Our next scheduled promotion testing for Axe Taekwon-Do will be on February 28th at the Youth Center. We will pass out the test forms for those eligible within the next few weeks. At this time, we will only have color belts testing so we should be able to finish this testing in the 530-7 pm time range. All students are expected to attend this test. Remember students that are in K-6th grade will also have an oral test. Older students will take the written test in addition to the physical test.



I may move this into March depending on how students are prepared for this test.

USTF Membership/Maintenance Fees:

The fee for USTF first-time membership is \$75.00. The annual USTF maintenance fee is \$75.00. These fees are payable to Master Bushor by **February 28th**. There is a late fee of \$20.00 per person. The USTF is once again providing a family discount. The first family member is \$75, the second family member is \$50, the third family member is \$35, and the fourth family member is free. All students must join before they can test for a green belt. You can contact Master Bushor for further information.

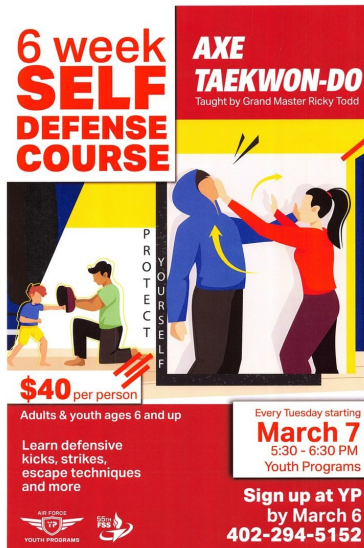
Remember you only pay the membership fee once. Then annually you pay the maintenance fee. These fees allow the USTF to operate an office and organize all Taekwon-Do activities in the United States.

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Calendar Dates

- Feb 28th—Promotion Test
- May 30th—Promotion Test
- Jun 24th & 25th—Nationals
- Aug—Kirksville Tournament
- Aug 29th—Promotion Test
- Sept—Casper Tournament
- Oct 7th—Axe TKD Tournament
- Nov 30th—Promotion Test



6 week SELF DEFENSE COURSE

AXE TAEKWON-DO
Taught by Grand Master Ricky Todd

PROTECT

\$40 per person

Adults & youth ages 6 and up

Learn defensive kicks, strikes, escape techniques and more

Every Tuesday starting **March 7**
5:30 - 6:30 PM
Youth Programs

Sign up at YP by March 6
402-294-5152

AIR FORCE YOUTH PROGRAMS

Axe Taekwon-Do Self-Defense Course

Grand Master Todd will be teaching a 6-week course starting March 7th. The class will run from 5:30-6:30 pm. The course is open to anyone 6 years and older. Please invite others, the cost is \$40 per person. This is not for current Taekwon-Do students, but hopefully, we can attract students to this course who may eventually be interested in joining our regular Taekwon-Do classes. Please help spread the word about this course.

USTF Nationals Taekwon-Do Tournament—June 24th & 25th—Broomfield, Colorado

Our school and all students are invited to participate in the USTF National Championship tournament in Colorado. This is always the biggest event for a tournament and is held every other year. The tournament will feature Sparring, Patterns, and Breaking. There is also team breaking.

The event will be held at Broomfield High School, in Broomfield, Colorado. Weigh-in is required for all black belts and will be held on Friday, June 23rd from 2 pm—6 pm at Sereff Taekwon-Do. All black belt teams and black belts must pre-register no later than June 10, 2023. Only adults can compete in the breaking divisions.

Color belt events (patterns & sparring) will begin at 9 am on June 24th. Pre-registration is suggested, however, there will be on-site registration for color belts which must be done by 8:30 am. Costs, registration, and other details are available at: <http://www.axetkd.com/PDF/Nationals%202023.pdf>

Axe Taekwon-Do always supports this event to the maximum extent possible. I will be coordinating who is attending and your options for rooms and transportation. This will be an exciting event.



Axe Taekwon-Do Tournament—October 7th, 2023—Offutt Youth Center

We have finally secured a date with the Youth Center and the USTF. We will be holding this event again in 2023. This will be our 14th tournament. It has been a long road for us to return to hosting our tournament. 2020, 2021, and 2022 tournaments were canceled. We need all students from Axe to attend and participate. The event normally runs from 8 am to 5 pm. You can review the registration forms and other details at:

<http://www.axetkd.com/PDF/Tournaments/AxeTournament2023.pdf>

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 teaching.

Classes are taught on Tuesday & Thursday.

Beginners: 5:30—6:30 pm

Advanced: 6:30-8:00 pm

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Other Tournaments for 2023

In 2023 we will have the opportunity to travel to these tournaments:

- August—Kirksville, Missouri
- September—Casper, Wyoming

Future Axe Taekwon-Do Black Belt Testing

May 2023: Mr. Collin May, 1st degree

August 2023: Ms. Melanie Ostrander, 3rd degree; Mr. Tyler Jensen, 3rd degree; Ms. Haylie Lewis, 2nd degree; Mr. Willie Johnson, 1st degree, Mr. Jaxon Johnson, 1st degree.

November 2023: Mr. Marcus May, 1st degree

Potential Courses for Axe Taekwon-Do to host

In 2023 we will discuss the potential of hosting an event at Axe Taekwon-Do. We have the ability to host one of the following courses but would need the interest of most if not all of our students. The initial courses are \$75 per person and refresher training is \$50 per person. The advantage of hosting is that you do not have any room or transportation costs. Consider the following courses and we can discuss them during class time.

USTF Referee Seminar
USTF Basic Ho Sin Sul
USTF Knife & Weapons
USTF Breaking Seminar
USTF Ground Tactics
USTF Step Sparring Seminar