



Newsletters—where have they gone?

I apologize for the lack of newsletters in November & December. Due to some issues beyond my control I had lost the ability to manage the Axe Website and all my Taekwon-Do related documents. I am back to business as normal now.

Birthdays in November/December/January



Happy birthday to the following students of Axe Taekwon-Do who I may have missed: Ms. Grant, Mrs. Duralia and Ms. Bowing. Please email Grand Master Todd at ustfneb@cox.net if your name is not listed.



Promotion Testing—February 24th

On next scheduled promotion testing for Axe Taekwon-Do will be in late at the Youth Center. We will pass out the test forms for those eligible within the next few weeks. This still gives

you two full months of training. You can also attend more than once class per training night.

Holiday Black Belt Luncheon

Our annual Axe Taekwon-Do Black Belt luncheon was held on a Saturday in December. Due to a closure in Papillion we moved the lunch to Pizza Ranch in Council Bluffs. A special thanks to Mrs. Buckley for arranging the event.

Annual Class Holiday Party—December 21st, 2021

On Tuesday, December 21st, Axe Taekwon-Do we held our Annual Class Holiday Party at the Youth Center. We changed the chili contest to a any type of dish contest The winner of our Annual contest was Mrs. Chamberlin and she will receive a free month of classes. The party went well with a great attendance. A special thanks to Ms. Grant and all the other black belts who “volunteered” to make this a special event.

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Calendar Dates

- Jan 4th—Return to Training
- Feb 24th—Promotion Testing
- Feb—USTF Referee Seminar-MO
- Mar—USTF Tournament—CO
- May 1st—Final payment for Summer Camp due—\$345



Holiday Break —December 28th—January 3rd

I hope that everyone is enjoying the holiday break. There was some confusion on our being out of the Youth Center during this time. I sincerely hope there was no confusion with any students. We return to training on January 4th, 2022.



Sereff World Taekwon-Do Camp—June 19th—24th, 2022—Grand Master Todd

In 2022, there will be a Sereff World Camp. For your planning, it will be held June 19-24, 2022. This is a great summer camp and is a full week immersed in Taekwon-Do while training in the mountains of Colorado.

I sent in 17 camp registrations for the following students to attend camp this year. Grand Master Todd, Mrs. Ragone, Ms. Ragone, Mr. Toppi, Mrs. Buckley, Mr.

Buckley, Ms. Buckley, Mr. Palmer, Ms. Grant, Mr. Callison, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Kelly, Ms. Kelley, Mrs. House, Mr. House, Ms., House, J., Ms. House, E. and Mr. Kelly.

Yes we still have room if you would like to go, contact Grand Master Todd asap. The remaining balance of **\$345 is due by May 1st**. I have received several questions on the lodging and the below pictures are from the actual area we will be staying during the camp.



USTF Referee Seminar—Missouri, February 2022

There will be a USTF Referee Seminar on either February 19th or the 26th. The seminar will be hosted by Kirksville Taekwon-Do in Kirksville, Missouri and taught by me, Grand Master Todd. I will have more details once the course is approved by USTF. Typically the course runs from 9 am to 5 pm. The cost is \$75 for initial certification or upgrade. The cost is \$50 for attending the course as a refresher. You must be at least a blue belt red stripe to certify. This is a requirement for promotion as follows, but due to COVID we have relaxed this requirement. According to the USTF all requirements are back for 2022.

Students above the age of 13 must become USTF certified class “C” referees prior to testing for 1st degree black belt.

Adult students are required to become USTF certified class “B” referees prior to testing for 2nd degree black belt.

Adult students are required to become USTF certified class “A” referees prior to testing for 5th degree black belt.

You can only obtain one certification per seminar and must gain tournament experience as an official prior to moving up in certification. Again, COVID has prevented us from participating in tournaments and/or seminars for two years, anyone eligible to test this year (2022) should strongly attempt to obtain these certifications as soon as possible.

Other Mandatory Certifications:

Adults students must attend a USTF Ho-Sin-Sul seminar prior to testing for 2nd degree black belt.

Optional Certifications:

Students should attend a USTF Ground Tactics Course prior to testing for 3rd degree black belt.

Students should attend a USTF Knife and Weapons Course prior to testing for 3rd degree black belt.

Other Optional Courses:

USTF Technical Course (this may be required depending on availability)

USTF Step Sparring Seminar

USTF Breaking Seminar

USTF World Camp

Black Belt Continuing Education Credits:

To be considered ***active*** as a black belt for promotion consideration, you ***must*** obtain at least 8 hours of continuing education credit ***every year*** for that year to be considered active. The credits can only be obtained by attending one of the above listed courses and/or seminars as an initial or refresher certification. Tournaments do not count for this requirement.

Tournament Competition Requirements:

For promotion to:

1st degree black belt a minimum of one USTF tournament is required as a participant.

2nd degree black belt a minimum of one USTF tournament is required each year as a participant.

3rd degree black belt a minimum of two USTF tournaments are required each year as a participant.

4th degree black belt a minimum of three USTF tournaments are required prior to testing.

5th degree black belt a minimum of four USTF tournaments are required prior to testing.

6th degree black belt a minimum of five USTF tournaments are required prior to testing.

Once you obtain 6th degree you are not competing in tournaments.

Tournament Official Requirements:

For promotion to:

2nd degree black belt you must participate as an official in at least two USTF tournaments.

3rd degree black belt you must participate as an official in at least two USTF tournaments.

4th degree black belt you must participate as an official in at least three USTF tournaments.

5th degree black belt you must participate as an official in at least four USTF tournaments.

6th degree black belt you must participate as an official in at least five USTF tournaments.

7th degree black belt you must participate as an official in at least six USTF tournaments.

Courses—USTF:

USTF Technical Seminar (may be held once per year in Denver. The cost is \$100 per student and will be taught by Grand Master Winegar the USTF Technical Director.

USTF Referee Seminar Instructors: Grand Master Steadman—Head of the program, Grand Master Cope in MO; Grand Master Todd in NE; Sr. Master Williams in AK, Sr. Master Mason in WA; and Master Bauman in WI.

USTF Basic Ho Sin Sul Instructors: Sr. Master Hannon—Head of the program, Master Stoppani in WA; Master Giese in WY; and Mr. Rouse in KS.

USTF Ground Tactics Course Instructors: Sr. Master Hannon—Head of the program, Grand Master Weiss in IL; Master Stoppani in WA; Master Giese in WY; and Mr. Rouse in KS.

USTF Knife & Weapons Seminar Instructors: Sr. Master Hannon—Head of the program, Grand Master Weiss in IL; Master Stoppani in WA; Master Giese in WY; and Mr. Rouse in KS.

USTF Breaking Seminar Instructor: Grand Master Todd

USTF Step Sparring Seminar Instructors: Sr. Master Pettijohn in CO; and Master Bushor.

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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USTF Costs:

The costs for seminars, courses, black belt test fees and USTF Membership fees will remain the same for 2022.

Axe Taekwon-Do Costs:

The costs for uniforms, testing, patches, etc., will remain the same for 2022.

USTF Tournament—Arvada, Colorado:

The first tournament of the year will be held by Maestas Taekwon-Do in Arvada, Colorado, sometime in March 2022. Once we have the final date I will send out more information to all. This is a fairly large tournament and a good way to start off the tournament year. Tournament participation is open to all ranks from white belt through 5th degree black belt. This tournament typically features patterns competition, sparring, individual power breaking and team breaking. More information soon.

USTF Tournament—Bellevue, Nebraska:

Due to COVID we were unable to have our tournament in 2020 or 2021. We were on a streak of hosting a tournament at the Youth Center for the past 12 years. Due to the COVID requirements still in place with the Youth Center we are actively looking for another location to host our April event. I will update you when/if I have a suitable location, or we may have to travel to other locations.