



*Editors note: All articles are written by GM Todd unless otherwise noted.*



### ***Birthday in January:***

Happy birthday to the following student of Axe Taekwon-Do: Mrs. Bowing (3rd). Please let me know if I am missing anyone who has a birthday in January.



### ***Bad Weather—Class Cancellation***

Axe Taekwon-Do will not close for bad weather unless the Youth Center is closed. Typically, if the base is closed the Youth Center will close, otherwise we are there training. You can email or text me at [axetkd@gmail.com](mailto:axetkd@gmail.com) or 402-650-4399. You can also call the Youth Center directly at 402-294-5152. I will attempt to text,

email, and post on Facebook when we are canceled.

### ***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. This includes promotions, certificates, seminars, and instructional courses.

### ***Promotion Testing—Axe Taekwon-Do—February 29th:***

Testing will be held at the Youth Center on **Thursday, February 29th**. We are currently evaluating students for testing and will provide your testing forms to you soon. Future testings are scheduled for May 30th, August 29th and November 21st. These may be moved if necessary. There will be no cost increases for testing in 2024.



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### ***Calendar Dates 2024***

- Feb 29th -Axe TKD Testing
- Mar 9th —USTF Testing—CO
- Mar 23rd—Maestas Tournament-CO
- Apr 20th—Axe TKD Tournament
- May 4th—Technical Course-CO
- May 30th —Axe TKD Testing
- Jun 16-21—World Camp
- Aug 29th —Axe TKD Testing
- Nov 21st —Axe TKD Testing

***Class Price Increase—Starting Jan 1, 2024***

A reminder that the Youth Center raised the price of classes. The fees for individual students are \$75 per month, family rate (regardless of size) \$135 per month. They have eliminated the member vs. nonmember rates. Remember you must log into their system and select each month you are attending. You can now select multiple months for attendance instead of each month. You will only be charged once at the beginning of each month.

***Traveling and attending events in 2024***

Typically, we spend time trying to arrange transportation and lodging for anyone that would like to travel with the class for events. We will have plenty of opportunities for travel in 2024. For the March 9th testing listed below we let students arrange their own travel and lodging which lead to students in many different locations for lodging. In the future we may simply tell you of one or two motels and allow you to make your own lodging because typically you can save using an online booking site. I will keep you informed.

***USTF Black Belt Testing —March 9, 2024—Sereff Taekwon-Do, Broomfield, Colorado***

The USTF will host a black belt testing. During this event Master Bushor will be promoted to 8th degree black belt, Sr. Master. Mrs. Bowing will test for 7th degree black belt, Master. This is an extremely significant event for Master Bushor, Mrs. Bowing, our school, and me personally. I am extremely proud of both and anyone that would like to attend this event is invited. We understand that many of you will not be able to travel to this event and we will have some type of promotional celebration here in Nebraska. We are working out the details and will keep you informed.

***Maestas Taekwon-Do Tournament—March 23, 2024—Apex Center, Arvada, Colorado***

Maestas Taekwon-Do will host their annual tournament on March 23rd. This will be the first tournament for 2024 and is located at an outstanding facility. This tournament is well attended. Please let me know if you will be attending so I can plan or at least know about your travel and lodging. This event features individual sparring, patterns and power breaking. We typically have a few students attend this event. You will discover that you will enjoy traveling with the class and competing against other students.

You can read more details at: <https://axetkd.com/PDF/Tournaments/MaestasTourn24.pdf>

***Axe Taekwon-Do Tournament—April 20, 2024—Offutt Youth Center, Bellevue, Nebraska***

We are in the initial planning phases with the Youth Center and the USTF for this event. This will be our 15th tournament. I cannot over emphasize that we need all students from Axe Taekwon-Do to attend and participate. The event normally runs from 8 am to 5 pm. This event will feature individual sparring, patterns and team breaking.

***USTF Technical Course— May 4, 2024—Apex Center, Arvada, Colorado***

The USTF will host the USTF Technical Course that is taught by our Director of Technique, Grand Master Winegar. You can read the bio of Grand Master Winegar at:

<http://greeley-taekwondo.com/Bio-GMWinegar.php>. I will provide the registration/liability form for anyone that will be attending. The cost for this event is \$100.00 per student and we will train from 9 am—2 pm. This course will provide anyone attending with 8 hours of continuing education. You must be pre-registered and paid by April 10, 2024. The space is limited for this event. This is a chance to train with our technical director for all black belts. Currently color belts are not included due to space restrictions. I will send out more information soon.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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### Event Letter—RSVP

I will email a letter with event applications and an RSVP form for you to let me know which events from Feb-May that you will attend. I will attempt to send that out this week.

### Future Events—2024

**February 29, 2024:** Axe Taekwon-Do Testing.

**March 9, 2024:** USTF Black Belt testing at USTF Headquarters, Broomfield, Colorado.

**March 23, 2024:** USTF Tournament—Maestas TKD School Challenge at the Apex Recreation Center in Arvada, Colorado.

**April 20, 2024:** Axe Taekwon-Do Tournament – Bellevue, Nebraska.

**May 4, 2024:** USTF Technical Course at Maestas Taekwon-Do in Arvada, Colorado.

**May 30, 2024:** Axe Taekwon-Do Testing.

**June 16-21, 2024:** Sereff World Camp—Snow Mountain Ranch, Colorado.

**August 29, 2024:** Axe Taekwon-Do Testing.

**November 21, 2024:** Axe Taekwon-Do Testing.

### Future Tests—2024

All color belts are considered for testing and promotion quarterly in February, April, August, and November. There are many factors that are considered before we allow a student to take a test. These factors are multiplied for students testing into the black belt ranks.

I am providing the following tentative dates for black belts. It will provide the black belt student with a goal, but I will decide, based on your skill, attitude, qualifications, and attendance. I may depending on the student delay a black belt testing to a later date.

**February**—No black belts

**March 9**—Master Bushor to Sr. Master and Mrs. Bowling to Master

**May 30**—Mr. Ostrander to 4th degree black belt and Mrs. Lewis to 2nd degree black belt.

**August 29**—Mrs. Buckley and Mr. Buckley to 5th degree black belt.

**November 21**—Ms. Param and Ms. McDermott to 3rd degree black belt.

*If you are a black belt and do not see your name listed contact me to discuss.*