

Happy Birthday - June

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

June 11: Mrs. Williams
June 15: Mrs. Chamberlin
June 30: Mr. Suggs



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

Promotion Testing June 4

Congratulations to all who tested! A feature article with selected photos will be included in the National USTF Newsletter in July. In addition, all event photos have been posted on my Facebook page for your viewing. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me. Please note that I typically receive hundreds of photos at each event; not all images are suitable for print due to factors such as motion, lighting, and timing. Everyone did an excellent job, and your hard work truly showed. Be sure to begin preparing for the next testing on **September 1**.

Congratulations to the following students on their promotions:

2nd Gup Red Belt: **Mr. James Williams**
3rd Gup Blue Belt Red Stripe: **Ms. Aurelia Steinberg, Ms. Addison Taylor, and Mr. Jeremiah Steinberg**
5th Gup Green Belt Blue Stripe: **Mr. Carson Suggs and Mr. Brendon Roman**
6th Gup Green Belt: **Mr. Easton Walsh**
7th Gup Yellow Belt Green Stripe: **Mrs. Jennifer Williams and Ms. Liliana De La Cerda**
8th Gup Yellow Belt: **Mr. Oliver Kettner**

The September testing should be a larger testing. All color belts should be ready to test. We should also have a few black belts testing. Eligible are:

1st Degree Black Belt: **Mr. Collin May, Mr. Matthew Cardova, and Mr. Michael Williams**
4th Degree Black Belt: **Mr. Anthony Garber and Ms. Melanie Ostrander**

Students not fully prepared will be moved to the December testing.



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Calendar Dates 2026

- Jun 21-26: Sereff World Camp, Colorado
- Sep 1: Black & Color Belt Testing, Axe TKD
- Oct 3: USTF Referee Seminar, Bellevue, Nebraska
- Sep 26: USTF Tournament, Casper, Wyoming
- Nov 26: Thanksgiving
- Dec 1: Black & Color Belt Testing, Axe TKD
- Dec 3: YC closed for TKD
- Dec 24: Christmas Eve
- Dec 29 & 31: Closed for Holiday Break

2026 Sereff Taekwon-Do World Camp at Snow Mountain Ranch

The 2026 World Camp is full, and Axe Taekwon-Do is proud to have a strong group attending this year's event. Participating from Axe Taekwon-Do will be Grand Master Todd, Master Bowling, Mrs. Ragone, Mr. Toppi, Ms. Grant, Ms. Ostrander, Mrs. Lewis, and Mr. May. We are also excited to welcome back a former Axe Taekwon-Do black belt Ms. Lutzova, who will be joining the group from Czech Republic. ***There will be Taekwon-Do classes held on June 23 and 25.***

Summer Vacation Plans?

As summer approaches, many families are making plans for vacations, camps, and other activities. While schedules may change, it is important to remember that Taekwon-Do is a year-round activity, and class continue throughout the summer months. Axe Taekwon-Do is typically only closed for Christmas and New Year's holidays, or when the base has closes the Youth Center.



Students are encouraged to maintain their training schedules whenever possible and continue progressing toward their goals. If you know that you will be missing class due to vacation, travel, or other commitments, please notify me in advance. This simple courtesy helps instructors plan for classes and demonstrates the respect that is essential in martial arts training. Notifications can be made by text at (402) 650-4399 or by email at axetkd@gmail.com. While many activities may not require participants to report absences, Taekwon-Do is built upon traditions of courtesy, respect, and personal responsibility. These values are part of what distinguishes martial arts from many other extracurricular activities and help strengthen our school community. I appreciate everyone's continued dedication and respect and look forward to training with students throughout the summer and in the months ahead.

Tournaments—2026

September 26: *Tournament, Casper, Wyoming*

The 25th Annual Wyoming Invitational will be held on September 26 in Casper, Wyoming. The tournament is being promoted by Master Willcox and is expected to draw competitors from across the region for a full day of Taekwon-Do competition. Due to the travel distance, participants typically depart on Friday and return on Sunday. Assistance with coordinating rides and hotel accommodations will be available for

anyone interested in attending. The Wyoming tournament will be the only remaining tournament opportunity for 2026, which makes it an excellent event for students to compete for the end of the year. Competition events will include individual patterns, sparring and team breaking. Students of all ranks are eligible and encouraged to attend. The registration deadline is **September 4, 2026**. Additional event information, registration details, and tournament requirements can be found in the registration flyer:

[Casper2026](#)



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.

USTF Referee Seminar - October - Offutt Youth Center

The USTF Referee Seminar will be held Oct 3, at the Offutt Youth Center. The seminar will be taught by **Grand Master Todd** and is an important training opportunity for black belts and red belt black stripes. This qualification course provides both initial or upgrade training for referees. Completion of the required training is an essential part of maintaining qualifications for all black belts within the USTF. Participants will receive instruction on current officiating standards, procedures, and responsibilities, helping ensure consistency and professionalism at USTF events. The registration flyer is available at:

[Flyer-Register](#)



Refresher Training: Class A: Master Bowling, Mrs. Ragone, Mr. Toppi, Ms. Chamberlin, Mr. Buckley, Mrs. Buckley, Mrs. Chamberlin, and Ms. Grant.

Certification: For Class A: Mrs. Duralia, Mr. Ostrander, Ms. Buckley, and Mr. Garber, A. For Class B: Ms. Ostrander, Mrs. Lewis, and Mr. Garber, D. For Class C: Ms. Piele, Mr. DeVries, Mr. May, Mr. Cordova, and Mr. Williams, M.

We will be inviting students from Axe Taekwon-Do to attend the course as competitors where they will participate in practice patterns, sparring and breaking competition to provide the judges with the practical part of the course.

Class Closure Times

We do our best to prevent class cancellation. However, holidays or days when the Youth Center are closed do take priority. At this time these are the times we will **not** have scheduled classes.



Thursday, Nov 26 - Thanksgiving

Thursday, Dec 3 - Youth Center Holiday Event, classes are not allowed

Thursday, Dec 24 - Christmas Eve

Tuesday & Thursday Dec 29 and 31, Holiday Break

Taekwon-Do Gear

We have uniforms, sparring gear, and training books available for sale. The uniforms and sparring gear vary in price depending on size. The books available are \$12.00 each.

USTF Step Sparring Book - White belt yellow stripe through 7th degree black belt

USTF Testing Syllabus - White belt yellow stripe through 1st degree black belt

USTF Testing Syllabus - 1st degree black belt through 7th degree black belt

USTF Patterns Handbook - All 24 patterns

USTF Tournament Rules and Regulations



Classes are taught on Tuesday & Thursday.

Beginners: 5:30-6:30 pm

Advanced: 6:30-8:00 pm

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