



Mark your calendars! 2018 Training Opportunities and Testing Dates

Nov 15th – Axe Taekwon-Do Testing – Offutt Youth Center	Dec 25, 27 & Jan 1 – No classes – closed for Holidays
Dec 15th – Axe Taekwon-Do Black Belt Holiday Luncheon	Feb 23rd – USTF Technical Seminar – GM Winegar - CO
Dec 20th – Axe Taekwon-Do Holiday Party – Offutt YC	

USTF Breaking Seminar – Battle Ground, Washington

Thank you to the following students for traveling with me to the Breaking Seminar that I taught in Battle Ground, Washington. It always makes me proud to be your instructor. Thanks to: Ms. Bowing, Mrs. Ragone, Mr. Ragone, Ms. Ragone, and Ms. Grant. The course had 42 USTF students and their etiquette was excellent. This provided all students in attendance with 8 hours continuing education. I think it also allows for more Taekwon-Do knowledge and the ability to participate in the camaraderie of other Taekwon-Do students around the United States.

Axe Taekwon-Do – Promotion Testing



Our next scheduled promotion testing will be on Thursday, November 15th at the Youth Center. All color belts are eligible for this testing. Your first

hurdle is your attendance. If you are not regularly attending classes each week, you will not be eligible. The next step is to determine if you know all your requirements to test for the next belt. If you are unsure about your requirements, please contact Sr. Master Todd or Master Bushor for clarification.

Promotion Celebration

We are working on a celebration luncheon on Saturday, November 17th. We will email all with the details. This is a great opportunity to celebrate recent promotions. Look for more details soon.

No Classes – November 22nd – Happy Thanksgiving



Axe Taekwon-Do will be closed on Thursday, November 22nd to allow all students and their families to celebrate the

Thanksgiving holiday. Classes will resume on Tuesday, November 27th. I am thankful to each of you for your continued support at our school and the USTF. More importantly, I appreciate your continued dedication to your training in the art of Taekwon-Do.

Who is your instructor? – Sr. Master Todd

I hear Grand Master Sereff ask this question at almost every event to some black belt. How would you answer? I will clarify this for all Axe Taekwon-Do students. There can only be one instructor at every school. We are a martial art school and are not like exercise gyms where you can have many instructors. I

always dislike discussing this as it appears egotistical but it is a well-established rule in traditional martial arts. Every Taekwon-Do school has one instructor. All other black belts are assistants. We may joke around that when a student misbehaves they are Master Bushor’s student, but that is just Master Bushor and I joking. You are all my students. The reason I am writing about this is that I do hear this question at every event. Also, I have read several statements on social media recently, which are incorrect and can be read as disrespectful.

Examples are my instructors are Mr. so and so and Master so and so. Remember you can only have one instructor. Also, I read people stating “thanks to my instructors at school X for helping me achieve this goal” or “I love training at school X and they have great instructors”. While it may seem like this is not a big deal, it is an issue and is disrespectful. A student can simply say they love the black belts at school X or something similar. Again, they can only have one instructor.

I take my role as the instructor at Axe Taekwon-Do very seriously. All decisions are my responsibility, good or bad. Any students conduct is a reflection of me. If a white belt misbehaves at an event, they do not look for Master Bushor they are looking at me.

This is not intended to take any credit away from the black belts at Axe Taekwon-Do, as they are all great assistants. I know this can be confusing and I would encourage anyone with questions to contact me in class or email me.

It is as simple as this if you requested a listing of black belts from any school their numbers would be from one to xxx (depending on how many black belts are there). The black belt with the number one is the instructor. All else regardless of rank are assistants. If you really want the title of “instructor”, you have to take it all on and start your own school along with all the responsibilities.

In addition to this, I encourage any of my black belts at Axe Taekwon-Do to contact me if you would like to start your own school. You would need my permission as your instructor and the permission of the USTF Nebraska State Director, Master Bushor. If you start your own school, you still will have an instructor but you would be the instructor at that school.

Black Belt Continuing Education – 2018

The opportunity for obtaining your 8 hours per year has ended for this year. If you did not obtain your 8 hours, you automatically will have time added to your promotion cycle. You cannot be promoted or considered for promotion unless

you are meeting this USTF requirement. You can only be credited 8 hours per course that you attend. For 2018:

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| Sr. Master Todd 48 hrs | Ms. Ragone 32 hrs |
| Master Bushor 24 hrs | Mr. Ostrander 8 hrs |
| Ms. Bowing 40 hrs | Mr. James 8 hrs |
| Mrs. Ragone 40 hrs | Mrs. Duralia 8 hrs |
| Mr. Toppi 16 hrs | Mrs. Chamberlin, 16 hrs |
| Mrs. Buckley 24 hrs | Ms. Grant 32 hrs |
| Mr. Buckley 32 hrs | Mr. Blasey, L. 8 hrs |
| Ms. Chamberlin 16 hrs | Ms. Ostrander 8 hrs |
| Mr. Ragone 16 hrs | Mr. Blasey, J. 8 hrs |

Students promoted to 1st degree black belt in 2018 did not have this requirement. If your name is not listed AND you were already a black belt in 2018, you did not meet this requirement. All black belts will start over for 2019, so watch our newsletters for opportunities to meet this requirement.

December 15th, 2018 – Holiday Black Belt Luncheon – Sr. Master Todd

Question: How long does it take the average person to earn a blackbelt?



Answer: The average person does not earn a blackbelt

your lunch I will discuss the plans for 2019 and the future of Axe TKD. I expect all black belts to attend. The dress will be casual.

The location is still to be determined. I will send out an email updating you on the details.

Axe Taekwon-Do provides

Axe Taekwon-Do Holiday Party – Volunteers Wanted



We are looking for 2-3 black belt volunteers to run the class holiday party. One volunteer will run the chili contest and the others will be charged with the overall party. Please contact Sr. Master Todd to volunteer.

Axe Taekwon-Do Holiday Party



On Thursday, December 20th, Axe Taekwon-Do will host our Annual Class Holiday Party. The party will run from 545pm to 815pm at the Youth Center. We will have our fifth Annual chili contest and the winner will receive a free month of classes. The games and contest begin at 545pm. We also have a voluntary gift exchange (more details soon). This

will be the last event and class for this year. Dress for this event is casual and please do not wear your Taekwon-Do dobok.

Recapping 2018: by Sr. Master Todd

We have been very busy with tournaments, seminars and other travels in 2018. I am certain that 2019 will continue to offer students numerous opportunities to travel and gain the full experience of Taekwon-Do and what the USTF has to offer nationwide. In February, we traveled to Broomfield, Colorado for the USTF Knife & Weapons Course. In March, to Broomfield, Colorado for a USTF Black Belt Testing. Also in March, to Mexico, Missouri for a USTF Referee Course. In April, we hosted our Axe Taekwon-Do Tournament. In June, to Snow Mountain Ranch in Colorado for the Sereff Taekwon-Do camp. In July, to Harrisburg, Missouri for the USTF Ho-Sin-Sul Course. In August, to Grand Rapids, Michigan for the USTF Breaking Seminar. Also in August, to Kirksville, Missouri for a tournament. In September, to Casper, Wyoming for a tournament. In October, to Broomfield, Colorado for the Sereff Taekwon-Do Tournament. Finally, in November, to Battle Ground, Washington for the USTF Breaking Seminar. We also held two fundraiser functions to raise money for the students to attend the Sereff World Camp. Finally, we held promotion testing's in February, May, August, and November. It has been a busy but wonderful year for the students of Axe Taekwon-Do. Those students who travel throughout the year excel in their training. Watch the Upcoming Events on page one of this newsletter every month for new events.

Gifts for the Holidays

Are you looking for holiday gift ideas? We have a commercial account with Century Martial Arts, which is the leader in martial arts supplies. You can visit their website at <https://www.centurymartialarts.com/> and we have a book in class that lists the items they sell. The prices on the website are typically retail, but we often have items for sale at a discounted price. Please see Master Bushor if you have any questions or to place an order. There are some perfect gift ideas on the website for any martial arts.

No Classes – December 25th, 27th, and January 1st:

