



Referee Seminar—Nov 18th, 2023 (Includes Patterns & Sparring Practice)

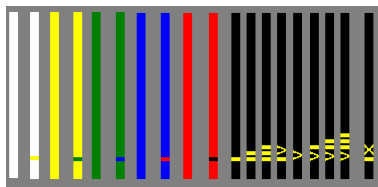
We will host the USTF Referee Seminar on Nov 18th, 2023, at the Youth Center. The seminar will run from 10 am—5 pm. This will provide refresher and upgrade training. You must be a red belt to certify (blue belt red stripe for adults). We need students who would like to compete in patterns and sparring to attend. During the course, we bracket and have a practice tournament allowing our referees to practice judging. This would be a great time for the students in the 530 class to attend and have extra practice. Especially since we are missing two days this month of training. The referee course starts at 10 am, students who would like to attend to compete in patterns, sparring & breaking can show up at 11 am. The course lasts until 5 pm, but students competing can leave earlier if they need. You can bring a snack and something to drink. Students who participate in the practice competition will not be charged. The cost is \$75 for first-timers or students upgrading. The cost for refresher training is \$50. This will also provide the black belts with 8 hours of continuing education. If you have any questions, please contact Grand Master Todd.



No class—Thursday, November 23rd

Enjoy your Thanksgiving. We will see you all again on Tuesday, November 28th. If you would like to make up this night and the Nov 30th class please refer to the referee seminar information later in this newsletter. I hope

everyone takes the time to enjoy Thanksgiving and take a moment to be thankful for what you have. I am extremely thankful for a great group of Taekwon-Do students who are loyal to me as their instructor and to Taekwon-Do. All of you make it worth the effort to attend and instruct classes, and travel to tournaments, seminars, etc.



Promotion Testing—Axe Taekwon-Do—November 28th:

Testing will be held at the Youth Center on **Tuesday, November 28th**. The test forms for black belts have been handed out and those for color belts will be handed out soon. We request

they are turned in with payment prior to the testing. I plan to start this testing by 545 pm. Remember if you are in 7th grade or above you will take a written test for every belt promotion. Students in 6th grade and below will take an oral test where they will be asked the following questions:

1. Meaning of your belt
2. Number of moves in your pattern
3. Diagram of your pattern
4. Definition of your pattern

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Calendar Dates

- Nov 18th—Referee Seminar
- Nov 23rd—Class Closed
- Nov 28th—Axe TKD Testing
- Dec 9th—Black Belt Lunch
- Dec 15th—Camp Deposit Due
- Dec 21st—Class Party
- Dec 26-28-Holiday Break
- Jan 2nd—Return from break
- Feb-Axe TKD Testing
- Mar 9th —USTF Testing—CO
- Mar 23rd—Maestas Tournament-CO
- Apr—Axe TKD Tournament
- May 4th—Technical Course-CO
- May—Axe TKD Testing
- Jun 16-21—World Camp



Annual Black Belt Luncheon—December 9th

The Annual Black Belt luncheon is scheduled for December 9th, from 1130 am-1 pm at the Korean House, 2413 Lincoln Road, Bellevue, Nebraska. I think it's important for black belts in a Korean art to at least try the food. There will be something there for everyone and lunch will be provided by GM Todd and Master Bushor. You can view the menu at: <https://koreanhouserestaurant.business.site>

Sereff World Camp—June 16th-21st, 2024

The deposit of \$300 is due by December 15th. The remaining balance of \$350 is due by May 1st. You can pay by check or credit/debit card which will be outlined on the brochure. Grand Master Todd will be one of the instructors at the camp. The space is limited to the first 120 students who register for this camp. Any parents not in class who would like to attend can contact GM Todd. You can turn in your registrations earlier. You can read more about the camp on page three of this newsletter.



Annual Class Holiday Party—December 21st

We will hold our annual Holiday Party on Thursday, December 21st and it will be held at the Youth Center from 530-8 p.m. There will be no classes that night and the dress will be casual. Typically, we have a chili or whatever competition where the winner will receive a free month of Taekwon-Do. With the changes to your payment procedure at the Youth Center, this

will not be possible. We recently emailed a flyer to all about the party and how to sign up. Email Grand Master Todd at axetkd@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Class Holiday Break—December 26th and the 28th.

For the holidays we will not hold classes on December 26th and the 28th. We will return to training on Tuesday, January 2nd. I will coordinate with the Youth Center. To make up the training you can select other nights in December to attend additional classes. For example, a 530 pm student can stay an extra hour, and 630 pm students can attend the 530 pm classes.

Youth Center Requirements

Vaccinations—Everyone participating in Youth Center programs must provide the center with proof of a flu shot. Please provide this to the front desk by **November 30th**. If you have any questions, please contact them.

Online Scheduling—All of you now should be registered and paying for your monthly classes through the web portal. You also must enter this portal and select that you are attending classes each month. This needs to be accomplished during the first week of the month. We are still experiencing issues with students doing this every month. If you have questions, please contact the YC.

Youth Center Function—On Thursday, Nov 30th, the YC will have an Holiday Event and they are closed for classes.

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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Sereff World Camp—June 16th-21st, 2024

In 2024, there will be a Sereff World Camp. For your planning, it will be held June 16-21, 2024. This is a great summer camp and is a full week immersed in Taekwon-Do while training in the mountains of Colorado. Our goal as a class is to send at least a dozen students to this camp which is held every other year. In 2022, we sent 21 students. We will be discussing this more in-dept in class and I will schedule a meeting for any parents with questions about this event. If you can only attend one event in 2024, this would be the one to attend. The cost has risen slightly to \$650 per student, but this covers a full week of training, your room and all of your meals. You will not need any other money for the entire week! This year there will be a large group of students from Australia. *I need to know who would like to attend.*

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During the camp, we spend time hiking, standing in a waterfall, and enjoying the peaceful scenery. Students travel to Snow Mountain Ranch in the Rocky Mountains for an entire week. All students, 13 years and older, are invited to attend. Students under 13 may be permitted to go, but only with the written approval of GM Todd as required by the USTF. All training by the highest-ranked instructors in the USTF.



Future Events—2024

February 2024: Axe Taekwon-Do Testing.

March 9, 2024: USTF Black Belt testing at USTF Headquarters, Broomfield, Colorado. Master Bushor will be promoted to 8th degree, Sr. Master and Mrs. Bowing will test for 7th degree, Master. All are invited to attend. We will hold a celebration lunch here for this achievement in Nebraska.

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

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

May 4, 2024: USTF Technical Course at Maestas Taekwon-Do in Arvada, Colorado. The course is taught by Grand Master Winegar and will run from 9 am—2 pm. You must be a red belt or above to attend. More information soon.

May 2024: Axe Taekwon-Do Testing.