



**Happy Birthday—October**

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

October 1: Mr. Toppi  
October 11: Ms. Piele

We hope each of you had or will have a fantastic birthday surrounded by family, friends and celebration. *Is your birthday missing?* If so, please email [axetkd@gmail.com](mailto:axetkd@gmail.com) so we can be sure to celebrate!

**Retirement Party - Sr. Master Bushor**

A thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating the retirement of Sr. Master Bushor. The dinner at Moran’s Grill in Bellevue was a great opportunity to honor his remarkable 33 years of dedication and loyalty to Taekwon-Do.

The evening included several thoughtful presentations and a small photo album. Sr Master Bushor truly enjoyed the event. While this officially marks his retirement from active training and teaching, it is not a final farewell. He plans to remain part of the Axe Taekwon-Do family by visiting at parties and testings.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Sr. Master Bushor for his decades of Taekwon-Do and look forward to seeing him in the future.



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**Calendar Dates 2025**

- Oct 11—Basic HSS, Denver
- Oct 19—Tournament, Denver
- Nov 11—Class Closed Veteran’s Day
- Nov 27—Class Closed Thanksgiving
- Dec 6 - Black Belt & Color Belt Testing
- Dec 13 - BB Holiday Party
- Dec 23 - Axe TKD Holiday Party
- Dec 25-Jan 2—Closed Holidays

### *Wyoming Taekwon-Do Tournament*

The 24th Annual Wyoming Taekwon-Do tournament was held in Casper, Wyoming on September 20th, 2025. Ten students from Axe Taekwon-Do made the trip to compete. A special thank you to Mrs. Ragone, Mr. Toppi, Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Buckley, Ms. Grant, Ms. Buckley, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Cordova and Mr. DeVries for representing our school.

The tournament was hosted by Mrs. Willcox, 6th dan from Wyoming and it was held in a new location this year. With 73 participants in attendance, the event was a great success, and Axe Taekwon-Do had an outstanding showing. Highlighting the day, Mr. Toppi, 5th dan, earned the title of **Grand Champion** in the Black Belt Division. In addition, Axe Taekwon-Do entered two breaking teams, with the team of Mr. Toppi, Ms. Grant and Mrs. Lewis earning first place.



Grand Master Sereff, Mr. Valdez, Mr. Toppi, & Grand Master Martin



***Basic Self-Defense Course, Broomfield, Colorado***

**Mr. Toppi**, 5th degree black belt, has been selected to join the USTF National Self-Defense instructor panel. I am proud to announce that Mr. Toppi will be teaching the Basic Ho-Sin-Sul Seminar at USTF Headquarters in Broomfield, Colorado on **Saturday, October 11th**, from **10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** This seminar is open to all ranks. The cost is \$75 for first time attendees and \$50 for returning students. Information and registration are available at: [Basic HSS Course](#)

***Tournaments—2025***

**Oct 19: Sereff Taekwon-Do fall tournament.** Grand Master Sereff will host the Sereff Taekwon-Do Fall Tournament on October 19 in Broomfield, Colorado. The tournament will feature patterns, sparring and team breaking, with teams of five competing. If you are interested, please contact me at [axetkd@gmail.com](mailto:axetkd@gmail.com). At this time, I plan to return Sunday after the tournament, instead of Monday.

The following eight have confirmed their attendance: GM Todd, Master Bowling, Mrs. Ragone, Mr. Toppi, Mrs. Chamberlin, Ms. Grant, Ms. Piele, and Mr. DeVries (8). **I would like to support the USTF and Sereff Taekwon-Do by taking at least 10-12 students to this event.** For further details you can review the registration and flyer and information at: [2025 Colorado Tournament](#)

***Halloween Workout***

Axe Taekwon-Do will be celebrating Halloween with a special workout this year. Since Halloween falls on Friday, October 31st, our event will be held during class on **Thursday, October 30th**. All students, especially those in the 530 p.m. are encouraged to participate by arriving in costume. Costumes must allow students to train and perform Taekwon-Do safely. Please remember to keep your costume respectful, and do not bring weapons or items that resemble firearms into the Youth Center.



For those who prefer not to wear a costume due to personal beliefs, your Taekwon-Do dobok is acceptable to wear. This event is meant to be fun and enjoyable for everyone, and the details are still developing. We look forward to seeing your creativity and having a great time together.

***Upcoming Closures at Axe Taekwon-Do***

We continue to have classes year-round, as long as the Youth Center remains open. Please remember that if the base closes due to weather, so does the Youth Center. We will announce these closing as they occur through email. Currently, the following scheduled closures are planned.

**Tuesday, November 11th - Veteran's Day**

**Thursday, November 27th - Thanksgiving**

**Thursday, December 25th - Christmas**

**Tuesday, December 30th—Axe TKD vacation**

**Thursday, Jan 1st - New Year's Day**

Don't worry if you miss a class due to a closure, or your schedule, you are always welcome to make up by attending both classes on another day. In fact, any student may attend both classes at any time. Class times are as follows:

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (first class)

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (second class, with the option to leave at 7:30 p.m. if needed)

## 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.

### Promotion Testing—Dec 6

Due to scheduling adjustments, Axe Taekwon-Do will hold a **combined color belt and black belt promotion testing on Saturday, December 6th, beginning at 10:00 a.m.**

Normally we do not schedule tests in December, making this event a little unusual. Beginning next year, we will return to the regular testing schedule of February, May, August, and November.

This testing will be especially significant, as it will include candidates for several black belt ranks, in addition to eligible color belts. We anticipate testings to 6th, 5th, 4th, 2nd, 1st degree black belts. The final testing list will be completed soon, but this will be one of our largest and most exciting events of the year. We expect to finish around 1:30 p.m., depending on the number of candidates.

I am requesting **all students to attend this test** as it is a major event for our school. All black belts that are not physically participating will be dressed in the USTF Blue uniform. Please remember that our tests are **closed events**, meaning no outside black belts are invited. However, students may invite their families to attend and support them. For clarification on this policy, you may refer to past newsletters or the October edition of the USTF Newsletter.

#### Eligible for promotion consideration:

6th Degree Black Belt: Mrs. Ragone, and Mr. Toppi

5th Degree Black Belt: Mrs. Buckley, and Mr. Buckley

4th Degree Black Belt: Ms. Buckley, and Mr. Garber, A.

2nd Degree Black Belt: Mrs. Lewis

1st Degree Black Belt: Ms. Piele

All color belt students.

Remember *eligible for consideration* means you are being evaluated for testing. You still must meet all requirements, including attendance, ability, and attitude to be approved to test. This will be a large and memorable testing event. Train hard, and I will finalize the testing list in the next few weeks.

### Coming Soon—2026 Sereff Taekwon-Do World Camp at Snow Mountain Ranch

Excitement is building for the **2026 Sereff Taekwon-Do World Camp**, returning once again to the beautiful **Snow Mountain Ranch!** This highly anticipated event will take place **from Sunday, June 21st to Friday, June 26th, 2026**. Participants will arrive on Sunday and depart on Friday, after a week of world-class training, camaraderie, and unforgettable experiences. Due to high interest, space is expected to fill quickly. **Further information will be released soon, and deposits will be due in December 2025.** Stay tuned for updates and get ready for another incredible Taekwon-Do adventure!

Classes are taught on Tuesday & Thursday.

Beginners: 5:30—6:30 pm

Advanced: 6:30-8:00 pm

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