



Mark your calendars! 2021 Training and Testing Dates

Nov 18 th – Axe Taekwon-Do Testing	Dec 28-30 th – Holiday Break
Dec – Black Belt Luncheon	Jan 4 th – Return to Training
Dec 21 st – Axe Taekwon-Do Holiday Party – Youth Center	

All articles in this edition are written by Grand Master Todd

Birthdays in September



Happy birthday to the following students of Axe Taekwon-Do: Ms. Param, Ms. Buckley, Mrs. Buckley, and Mr. Blasey, J. Please email Grand Master Todd at ustfneb@cox.net if your name is not listed.

USTF Promotion



On September 11th, 2021 at USTF Headquarters in Broomfield, Colorado, Sr. Grand Master Sereff promoted me to 9th degree black belt, Grand Master. The picture above shows Sr. Grand Master Sereff with his newly promoted 9th degree black belts. From left to right, Grand Master Van Hecke (USTF Flash editor), Sr. Grand Master Sereff (Founder of the USTF), Grand Master Griffin, and me displaying my usual smile.

I consider this an honor and it was nice to see some of my students in attendance for this event. I have been in the USTF from White Belt to now the highest Taekwon-Do ranking of 9th degree black belt, Grand Master.

USTF Tournament

September 18th, 2021 – Casper, Wyoming

The 21st Annual Casper Wyoming Taekwon-Do tournament was held in Casper, Wyoming on Saturday, September 18th. We departed the tournament early Friday morning and returned on Sunday. Thank you to

those that traveled with me to this event: Master Bushor, Mr. Palmer, Ms. Grant, Mr. Garber, A., and Ms. McDermott. There were 102 competitors at the event.



This was the last tournament for 2021 and hopefully, we return to normal events next year. After some rough competition:

These divisions were larger than normal:

Mr. Palmer – 4th degree black belt division – Silver medal sparring; Bronze medal patterns.

Ms. Grant – 3rd degree black belt division – Bronze medal patterns

Mr. Garber – 2nd degree black belt division – his patterns and sparring were great and while no medal is presented for 4th place that is where he landed.

Ms. McDermott – Silver medal in patterns.

I hope to encourage you to all attend the tournaments next year. We should have Colorado in March, our tournament in April, Missouri in August, Casper in September, and Colorado in October all in 2022! We also have the week long USTF Summer Camp in Colorado in June next year.

Gear

Now that we have returned to the Youth Center and sparring is in effect some students may need to think about sparring gear. Please contact Master Bushor if you are interested. Typically, students need headgear, hand gear, footgear, and a mouthpiece. Males will need to purchase a jock with a protective cup. You can purchase the mouthpiece and protective cup from anywhere, but you should purchase the sparring gear from us. Some of you may also wish to look at shin guards. There are many rules in Taekwon-Do about sparring gear so please do not purchase without talking to me or Master Bushor first. There are multiple colors and sizes. *See the next page.*



Students can use the class gear we have, but it is not maintained (as in cleaned). I would suggest if you are using this gear, you keep some type of towel in your bag to clean before and after use.

Promotion Testing
November 18th



have all color belts ready for testing. More details will be announced in October.

The next promotion testing for Axe Taekwon-Do will be on Thursday, November 18th in the Youth Center. My goal will be to

No Classes
November 25th



holiday.

Axe Taekwon-Do will be closed on Thursday, November 25th to allow students and their families to celebrate the Thanksgiving

Holiday Black Belt Luncheon

December????

Our annual Axe Taekwon-Do Black Belt luncheon will be held on a Saturday in December. Typically, we have used the Pizza Ranch in Papillion. All active black belts are expected to attend. Axe Taekwon-Do provides the lunch and we will discuss the plans for 2022. *I am soliciting a volunteer to schedule this event.*

Annual Class Holiday Party

December 21st, 2021

On Tuesday, December 21st, Axe Taekwon-Do will host our Annual Class Holiday Party. The party will run from 530 pm to 8 pm at the Youth Center. We will have our Annual chili contest and the winner will receive a free month of classes. We hope to see plenty of entries this year. Once the winner has been announced all chili entries will be shared as part of a “pot luck” meal. *I am looking for a few volunteers to run this event.*

Holiday Break

December 28th – January – 3rd



Happy Holidays!

During this time, we encourage all members of Axe Taekwon-Do to take a break and enjoy some family time during the holidays. We will return to training on January 4th, 2022.

Sereff World Camp Taekwon-Do

June 19-24th, 2022



In 2022, there will be a Sereff World Camp. When I receive the flyers, I will send them out. For your planning, it will be held June 19-24. 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 every camp. This camp was held every other year but due to the COVID pandemic, we missed a cycle. We will be

discussing more in-depth in class and I will schedule a meeting for any parents with questions about this event. If you only pick one event to attend in 2021, this would be it!

The past camp cost \$550 per student, but this covers a full week of training, your room, and all your meals. You would not need any other money for the entire week! At this time, I do not know the price of the camp.

The first deposit of \$250 is typically due in December of the prior year. The balance of \$300 is due by May. I am typically one of the instructors at this event. The space is limited to the first 120 students that register for this camp.

Remember black belts need 8 hours of continuing education every year and this will more than satisfy your requirement. 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 me as required by the USTF. All training by the highest-ranked instructors in the USTF.