

Happy Birthday - April

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



- Apr 4: Mr. Walsh
- Apr 7: Ms. McDermott
- Apr 8: Mr. Buckley

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

First Tournament—2026—Maestas—Arvada, Colorado

Congratulations to the Axe Taekwon-Do students who traveled to Arvada, Colorado for the tournament held on March 28, 2026. The event featured approximately 70 competitors representing multiple states, including Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Missouri, and Nebraska. Our school was proudly represented, demonstrating strong performance in patterns, sparring, and individual breaking. They earned medals across the divisions. Competitors from Axe Taekwon-Do included Mr. Buckley, 5th Dan, Ms. Grant, 4th Dan, and Mr. Cordova, Red Belt Black Stripe. Supporting and officiating at the tournament were GM Todd, Master Bowling, and Mrs. Ragone, 6th Dan, whose presence helped ensure a successful event. I will share full results and additional details, along with photos, in the next edition of the May Axe Taekwon-Do Newsletter.

Axe Taekwon-Do Tournament—April 11, 2026

Our tournament is rapidly approaching and for this event to be a success, **I need all students to participate.** The tournament is open to white belts and above and we are expecting guests from several states, including Colorado, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, and Wyoming. We are honored to have a special guest, **Grand Master Sereff**, who serves as the Director of Testing and Administration for the United States Taekwon-Do Federation and oversees overall operations. This is a great opportunity to gain valuable tournament experience and fulfil the requirement to participate in a tournament. The event is open to all ages and ranks. The registration information is at: [AxeTKDTournament](#). Many of you have already registered and paid, but I need all to finish this prior to the event. This will help you avoid the higher fee at the door and assist us with the overall operation of the event.

Tournament Details

- **Date:** Saturday, April 11, 2026
- **Location:** Offutt Youth Center, Bellevue, Nebraska
- **Registration:** 8:00 AM
- **Start Time:** 9:00 AM
- **End Time:** 4:00 PM

This is a **sanctioned USTF tournament** featuring:

- Individual patterns
- Individual Sparring
- Team Breaking



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Calendar Dates 2026

- Apr 11: Axe TKD Tournament Youth Center
- Jun 2: Black & Color Belt Testing, Axe TKD
- Jun 21-26: Sereff World Camp - Colorado
- Sep 1: Black & Color Belt Testing, Axe TKD
- Sep 12: USTF Black Belt Testing, Sereff TKD
- Sep 26: USTF Tournament, Casper, Wyoming
- Dec 1: Black & Color Belt Testing, Axe TKD

Celebration Dinner - April 11

Following our April 11 tournament, we invite all students, families, and supporters to join us for a celebration dinner at La Mesa. This gathering is a great opportunity to relax, celebrate achievements, and connect with fellow Taekwon-Do students after a hard day of work and competition. The dinner will be pay-on-your-own, allowing everyone to enjoy the full menu and order at their convenience. Our group will be seated together in a designated area in the rear of the restaurant. During the tournament, we will announce additional details and take a headcount to ensure we have adequate seating for everyone. The celebration dinner will begin immediately following the tournament, typically around 5:30-6:00 PM. While attendance is optional, it is highly encouraged. This event provides a valuable chance to share in the full Taekwon-Do experience, build friendships, and celebrate alongside others in our organization. We look forward to seeing you there.



6 Week Self Defense Course - GM Todd

I am excited to announce an upcoming 6-week self defense course beginning April 14 at the Youth Center. Classes will be held every Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 PM. I encourage all students, families, and supporters to help spread the word about this opportunity. Please note that regular Taekwon-Do classes will continue as scheduled during this time. Master Bowling will be leading those classes and will ensure that all students remain engaged and active. This is a great opportunity to invite friends, family members, and anyone interested in learning practical self defense skills. This course has served in the past as an excellent transition into our regular Taekwon-Do classes.

We look forward to another successful session and appreciate your help in making it a success.



From the Youth Center

Learn to protect yourself. Register for a SELF DEFENSE COURSE at Offutt Youth Programs. This 6-week course will meet every Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, starting April 14. Learn about awareness & prevention, plus instruction in escape techniques, strikes, kicks, and more. Only \$50 per person. Ages 6 and up. All ages welcome. Sign up through the Youth Center or call 402-294-5152. <https://www.offutt55fss.com/youth-programs/>

Tournaments—2026

As we move into 2026, we have attended one tournament, and our tournament is April 11. **The October Fall Sereff Tournament has been cancelled.** There is a camp in June and another tournament in September in Wyoming. This cancellation is to allow families and students a little break in their hectic travel plans for 2026. I will let you know if the October tournament plans change.

September 26: *Wyoming Tournament, Casper, Wyoming – More information soon.*

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.

2026 Sereff Taekwon-Do World Camp at Snow Mountain Ranch

The 2026 World Camp is currently full. **If you are still interested in attending, please let me know and I will add your name to the USTF waiting list.** Attending from Axe Taekwon-Do. Grand Master Todd, Master Bowling, Mrs. Ragone, Mr. Toppi, Ms. Grant, Mrs. Lewis and Mr. May. We are also excited to have a former Axe Taekwon-Do black belt, Ms. Lutzova joining us from the Czech Republic.



I will be coordinating the travel details. As with the last camp, we plan to depart on Saturday rather than leaving early Sunday. We have to be at USTF HQ by noon on Sunday to travel as a group to the camp.

Axe Taekwon-Do Inspires Students to Step into Competition

At Axe Taekwon-Do, students are encouraged to take their training beyond the dojang (training hall) and into the competitive arena. Through dedicated instruction and a supportive environment, the school continues to inspire students of all ranks to challenge themselves by participating in tournaments and seminars.

Competition at Axe Taekwon-Do is about more than earning medals; it is about building self-confidence, discipline, and etiquette. Students learn to set goals, overcome nerves, and perform under pressure, all while representing our school and Taekwon-Do with pride.

Under the guidance of experienced instructors, students will develop the technical skills and mental focus needed to succeed in competition. Just as important, they learn the values of respect, perseverance, and sportsmanship. Principles of Taekwon-Do that extend into everyday life.

Axe Taekwon-Do emphasizes that every competitor gains something valuable from the experience. With strong support students are empowered to push beyond their comfort zone and grow. As more Axe Taekwon-Do students enter tournaments, the program continues to build a culture of excellence. We will help you become stronger both inside and outside the dojang.

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TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS	5:30 TO 6:30 P.M. BEGINNERS 6:30 TO 8:00 P.M. ADVANCED
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Classes are taught on Tuesday & Thursday.

Beginners: 5:30-6:30 pm

Advanced: 6:30-8:00 pm

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