

Axe Taekwon-Do Newsletter

July 2026

Happy Birthday - July

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

July 4: America
July 10: Ms. De La Cerda
July 13: Mrs. Lewis
July 30: Mr. Williams, M.



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Axe Taekwon-Do Well Represented at the 2026 World Camp

The 2026 World Camp reached full capacity, and Axe Taekwon-Do was proud to have a strong group in attendance. Representing our school was Grand Master Todd, Master Bowling, Mrs. Ragone, Mr. Toppi, Ms. Grant, Ms. Ostrander, Mrs. Lewis, and Mr. May. The group was also pleased to reunite with a former Axe Taekwon-Do black belt, Ms. Lutzova, who traveled from the Czech Republic to participate.

An expanded article in the next USTF Newsletter from Grand Master Sereff. The camp welcomed 117 students and instructors from across the United States, along with participants from Australia, Colombia, Canada, the Czech Republic, and Scotland. The international gathering provided students with a unique opportunity to train alongside some of the world's finest Taekwon-Do instructors while building friendships that crossed national borders. The 2026 World Camp was directed by **Grand Master Steadman** and **Grand Master Todd**. Training ran Monday through Thursday, with each day beginning at 630 AM and ending at 10 PM. We departed early Friday morning for the trip home and look forward to the next camp in 2028.

Grand Master Sereff commented that she believes this may have been the best World Camp ever. There has been discussion that the 2028 World Camp may be the last camp of this size held at this location making the next event one that students will not want to miss. Start planning now to attend the 2028 World Camp, and be sure to watch for the expanded event coverage in the August USTF Newsletter.

Calendar Dates 2026

- Sep 1: Black & Color Belt Testing, Axe TKD
- Oct 3: USTF Referee Seminar, Bellevue, Nebraska
- Sep 26: USTF Tournament, Casper, Wyoming
- Nov 26: Thanksgiving
- Dec 1: Black & Color Belt Testing, Axe TKD
- Dec 3: YC closed for TKD
- Dec 24: Christmas Eve
- Dec 29 & 31: Closed for Holiday



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Promotion Testing Scheduled for September 1

A combined color belt and black belt promotion testing on **Tuesday, September 1**, at the Offutt Youth Center. Testing will begin promptly at 5:45 p.m. All Axe Taekwon-Do students are encouraged to attend this test, even if they are not testing. Supporting fellow students is an important part of our school tradition. Black belts that are not physically participating will be dressed in the **USTF blues uniform**. As a reminder, promotion tests are **closed events**, meaning no outside black belts are invited. However, students may invite their families to attend and support them. Testing forms will be distributed on **August 15th**, and all color belts will be evaluated for this testing. Students who are not fully prepared will be considered for the December testing. **Testing for black belt ranks:** 4th Degree Black Belt: Mr. Garber, A., and Ms. Ostrander. 1st Degree Black Belt: Mr. May, Mr. Cordova, and Mr. Williams, M.

All test forms and payments must be submitted before the testing date. For your convenience, payments may once again be made through **Venmo**.



Tournament — 2026

September 26: Tournament, Casper, Wyoming

The 25th Annual Wyoming Invitational will be held on September 26 in Casper, Wyoming. The tournament is being promoted by Master Willcox and is expected to draw competitors from across the region for a full day of Taekwon-Do competition. Due to the travel



distance, participants typically depart on Friday and return on Sunday. Assistance with coordinating rides and hotel accommodations will be available for anyone interested in attending. The Wyoming tournament will be the only remaining tournament opportunity for 2026, which makes it an excellent event for students to compete for the end of the year. Competition events will include individual patterns, sparring and team breaking.

I recently sent an email and requested all students to let me know if you can attend. If you have not responded please reply asap.

At this time, the following have indicated they would be attending. Grand Master Todd, Master Bowling, Mrs. Ragone, Mr. Toppi, Mr. Buckley, Ms. Grant, Mr. Garber, A., Mr. Garber D., and Ms. Piele. We have room for many more. As a reminder this is the last tournament for 2026.



Students of all ranks are eligible and encouraged to attend. The registration deadline is **September 4, 2026**. Additional event information, registration details, and tournament requirements can be found in the registration flyer: [Casper2026](#)

Class Closure Times

We do our best to prevent class cancellation. However, holidays or days when the Youth Center are closed do take priority. At this time these are the times we will **not** have scheduled classes.

Thursday, Nov 26 - Thanksgiving

Thursday, Dec 3 - Youth Center Holiday Event, classes are not allowed

Thursday, Dec 24 - Christmas Eve

Tuesday & Thursday Dec 29 and 31, Holiday Break



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.

USTF Referee Seminar - October - Offutt Youth Center

The USTF Referee Seminar will be held Oct 3, at the Offutt Youth Center. The seminar will be taught by **Grand Master Todd** and is an important training opportunity for black belts and red belt black stripes. This qualification course provides both initial or upgrade training for referees. Completion of the required training is an essential part of maintaining qualifications for all black belts within the USTF. Participants will receive instruction on current officiating standards, procedures, and responsibilities, helping ensure consistency and professionalism at USTF events. The registration flyer is available at:

[Flyer-Register](#)

Refresher Training: Class A: Master Bowling, Mrs. Ragone, Mr. Toppi, Ms. Chamberlin, Mr. Buckley, Mrs. Buckley, Mrs. Chamberlin, and Ms. Grant.

Certification: For Class A: Mrs. Duralia, Mr. Ostrander, Ms. Buckley, and Mr. Garber, A. For Class B: Ms. Ostrander, Mrs. Lewis, and Mr. Garber, D. For Class C: Ms. Piele, Mr. DeVries, Mr. May, Mr. Cordova, and Mr. Williams, M.

We will be inviting students from Axe Taekwon-Do to attend the course as competitors where they will participate in practice patterns, sparring and breaking competition to provide the judges with the practical part of the course.

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Share the Benefits of Taekwon-Do

One of the best ways to strengthen our school and continue the legacy of Taekwon-Do is to share the benefits with others. Every student has their own story about how training has made a positive impact, to include increased confidence, fitness, discipline, stress relief, or friendships. If you enjoy the classes, consider inviting a friend, family member, or neighbor to watch a class or participate in a class for free. Often people are interested in martial arts but simply need some encouragement to start. The greatest compliment you can give to your instructor is to recommend our school to someone else. We can continue to grow our Axe Taekwon-Do family while encouraging people to enjoy the lifelong benefits of traditional Taekwon-Do.



Classes are taught on Tuesday & Thursday.

Beginners: 5:30-6:30 pm

Advanced: 6:30-8:00 pm

Offutt Air Force Base Youth Center
Building 5085
Bellevue, Nebraska