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AXE TAEKWON-DO
NEWSLETTER

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov 26: Thanksgiving

Dec 1: Black & Color Belt Testing - Axe TKD

Dec 3: Youth Center closed for TKD

Dec 17: Class Holiday party

Dec 24: Christmas Eve

Dec 29-31: Closed for Holidays

Mar 2027: Maestas Tournament – CO

Apr 2027: Axe Tournament – NE

May 15, 2027 USTF Technical Course – CO

Summer 2027: Kirksville Tournament – MO

Oct 2027: Nationals/Sereff Tournament - CO



Happy Birthday - November

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



Nov 20 – Ms. Koffman, L.

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

Welcome to Axe Taekwon-Do!



Please welcome our newest student to the Axe Taekwon-Do family: **Scarlett Whitaker.**

We are excited to have more students join Axe Taekwon-Do, and we look forward to watching them grow in skill and confidence. **Welcome to the Axe family!**

Halloween Workout

We held our annual Halloween workout on Thursday, October 29, and it was once again a great success!

Students participated in games and earned prizes in the form of candy. The black belts in attendance voted on the best costume and the winners were awarded a trophy.


1st Place – Mrs. Spanier


2nd Place – Ms. Chambers


3rd Place – Mr. DeVries

Halloween Workout

Pictures continued

















Annual Youth Center Flu Shot Requirement



The Youth Center requires **all students participating in its programs to receive an annual flu shot** and provide a copy of their vaccination record or other documentation showing that the vaccination has been completed. This is the **only required vaccination** for participation in our program.

I understand that some families may have concerns about vaccinations; however, this is a Youth Center requirement and is not a policy established by Axe Taekwon-Do. If you have a medical, religious, or other reason for requesting an exemption from the flu shot requirement, please contact the Youth Center directly to begin the exemption process. Please be aware that exemptions are handled through the Youth Center and must ultimately be approved by either the Wing Commander or Services Commander.

I also ask that you **not argue with Youth Center staff regarding this requirement**. Axe Taekwon-Do must follow the requirements established by the Youth Center to continue our classes there.

If you have questions regarding the exemption process, please contact the Youth Center directly.

Promotion Testing – December 1



The promotion testing will be a **combined color belt and black belt testing**. The testing will be on December 1, during the normal class time. More details as we approach this testing, but all color belts will be evaluated. I am still looking at black belts that may be eligible for this date. Testing forms will be passed out on November 12, 2026.

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 closings as they occur through email. Currently, the following scheduled closures are planned.

Thursday, November 26th - Thanksgiving
Thursday, December 3rd – Youth Center Closed for an event
Thursday, December 24th – Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 29th & Thursday, December 31st—Axe TKD vacation

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)

Looking for a holiday gift for a Taekwon-Do student?

I have a commercial account with Century Martial Arts. This is a great source for sparring gear and other gifts. Axe Taekwon-Do does maintain a lot of used gear but your student may want their own gear. As they begin travelling to tournaments, it is great for them to maintain their own gear. You can look at their website at: https://centurymartialarts.com/
Don't focus on the pricing as that is retail and I own a wholesale account so the prices will be less. Simply let me know what you are interested in, and I can obtain the actual costs. I do have some sparring gear currently in stock that may match your sizing needs. I can order anything that you might need, except the weapons.

Taekwon-Do does teach weapons defense, but we do not train or practice with offensive weapons, swords, etc. Email me at axetkd@gmail.com if you have any questions.

New Look for Axe Taekwon-Do

If you have not looked at our website, please check out the new, refreshed look at https://www.axetkd.com. If the old red/black theme shows, you may need to hit refresh on your device.

Annual Axe Taekwon-Do Holiday Party – December 17, 5:30-8:00 PM



The Annual Class Holiday Party will be held in the Youth Center on December 17th, during class time. There will be no classes that night and the dress will be casual.

We will have a chili or whatever competition where the winner will receive a voucher for $75.00 which can be used for any Taekwon-Do related event or gear. I will email out the flyer and further details soon. I already have all details scheduled, and the event will roughly follow prior parties. All you need to do is show up (bring a dish if you want to compete). There will be a signup sheet in class in December, so we can ensure we have everything covered.

Class Holiday Break

We will not hold classes from December 24th to January 1st. I look forward to seeing you on the next class scheduled which will be January 5th. Please take this time to enjoy your family and friends. During this down time, ensure you are still practicing your patterns. 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.



Axe Taekwon-Do Black Belt Annual Luncheon

I will hold this event in January and will announce soon the location, date and time. As with past events, this is an annual luncheon to cover the past year and plan for the new year. Axe Taekwon-Do will pay for the luncheon for all active black belts in the class. More to come soon.

Looking into 2027 and Beyond

Typically, we could travel to Colorado twice per year, host our own tournament and in the past travel to Wyoming. Unfortunately, Wyoming will not be an option any longer as they are no longer with our organization. I have discussed reviving the Missouri tournament with Grand Master Stephenson and we are hopeful in 2027 that they can return to hosting a tournament. Thus far:

- March: Maestas Tournament, Arvada, Colorado
- April: Axe Taekwon-Do Tournament, Offutt Youth Center
- May 15: USTF Technical Course, Arvada, Colorado
- Summer/Early Fall: Potential Missouri Tournament, Kirksville, Missouri
- October: USTF Nationals or Sereff Fall Tournament, Broomfield, Colorado
- **2028, June 18-23**: Sereff Taekwon-Do World Camp

I have been asked numerous times about a potential camp in 2027 located in Australia. This has not been finalized yet, but I will provide more information when it is available.

When to Replace your Taekwon-Do Uniform?

If you need a new uniform (dobok), please contact me to place an order.

When you are promoted to 1st or 4th degree black belt, your uniform needs the black trim appropriate with your new rank. You can sew the trim on your current uniform, but ordering a new one is usually easier and gives it a cleaner look

It may also be time for a new uniform if:
- It has stains or discoloration that won't come out in the wash.
- It has rips or tears.
- It has become too tight or loose.
- The sleeves or pant legs are too short.

Uniforms can shrink over time, and you are welcome to order a replacement whenever you need one. A clean well-fitting uniform helps you move comfortably in class and shows pride in your training and Taekwon-Do.