

# USTF Newsletter

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**Embroidered Black Belts** - Submitted by Grand Master Sereff, USTF Test Director and USTF Administrator

We had an issue with our past vendor obtaining embroidered black belts. We have a new vendor and should be fulfilling black belt orders soon. If you are obtaining your belts through USTF HQ, please continue to submit your orders for the remainder of 2026 to HQ. We should begin shipping the new belts soon.

**Wyoming Quarterly Black Belt & Color Belt Testing** - Submitted by Grand Master Martin, Casper, Wyoming

On April 25, 2026, Wyoming conducted its quarterly Black Belt and Color Belt testing - 38 Color belts and 9 Black Belt candidates tested. Special guests were **Grand Master Sereff, Grand Master Dubbeld, Sr., Master Edwards, and Sr. Master Riley. Master Giese** hosted the test at the National Guard Armory. Mr. **Jordan McDill**, 6th Dan called our testing today and did a wonderful job (Thank you sir). The testing was especially important because we had three black belt candidates going for 7th Dan.

Mrs. **Gayna Kuhl**, Mrs. **Amy Willcox** and Mrs. **DeeDee Connell**. What a great job they did! We congratulate our new Wyoming - USTF Master Instructors that teach our classes every week! Included in our black belt testing lineup were Mrs **Megan Garretson** to 4th Dan, Mr. **Blake Nichols** and Mr. **Paul Juergens** to 3rd Dan, Mr. **Kendall Jacobs** and Mr. **Joshua Husted** to 2nd Dan and Mr. **Connor Okes** to 1st Dan.

Mrs. **Susan Phillips** provided us with a beautiful cake and punch for our refreshments. Thanks to all who supported our students and instructors for this memorable day.



Master Kuhl

Master Willcox

Master Connell

## Calendar Dates 2026

**May 30:** USTF Knife & Weapons Seminar: Broomfield, CO. GM Sereff.

**Jun 4:** Belt Testing: Bellevue, NE. GM Todd.

**Jun 6:** UCHTA Spring Black Belt Testing: Salt Lake City, UT. SM Wadium.

**Jun 21-26: Sereff World Camp 2026.** Limit 115 spots, reserve your spot early. Preregister by 12/30/25, \$350 per camper. Final \$350 due by 5/1/26. Contact GM Sereff @ 303-466-4963 or [rsereff@rmi.net](mailto:rsereff@rmi.net)

**Jul 11:** USTF Referee Seminar: Salt Lake City, UT. Instructor: GM Steadman. Promotor: SM Wadium.

**Aug 7-9:** UCHTA Summer Weekend TKD Camp: East Canyon State Park, Morgan, UT. SM Wadium.

**Sep 1:** Belt Testing: Bellevue, NE. GM Todd.

**Sep 12:** USTF Black Belt & Masters Test: Sereff TKD. GM Sereff.

**Sep 26:** Wyoming USTF TKD Tournament, Casper, WY. Promoter: Master Willcox. [a2willcox@yahoo.com](mailto:a2willcox@yahoo.com)

**Oct 3:** USTF Step Sparring Seminar: Arvada, CO. Instructor: SM Pettijohn. Contact: [Maestastkd@maestastkd.com](mailto:Maestastkd@maestastkd.com)

**Dec 1:** Black Belt & Color Belt Testing: Bellevue, NE. GM Todd.



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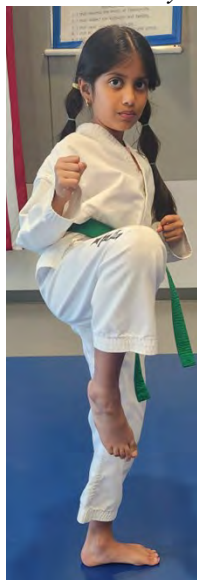
## Wyoming Monthly Black Belt & Red Belt Class - Submitted by Grand Master Martin, Casper, Wyoming

On May 2nd our monthly BB/ Red belt class was taught by our three new Wyoming USTF Master Instructors. Attendance was a little low because of back to back events, testing, seminars, and tournament commitments! What a great job they did by sharing parts of the class and sharing their knowledge! Thank you for the support of our new Masters.



## Hindu Education Foundation Honors Taekwon-Do Teacher at Teacher Appreciation Event

- Submitted by Mr. Omar Welch, 4th Dan, USTF State Director - Georgia



Ms. Salgar

On May 2, 2026, the Hindu Education Foundation hosted a teacher Appreciation Event in Smyrna, Georgia, recognizing educators and mentors who have made a meaningful impact on students and the community. Among those honored was Mr. **Omar Welch**, IV Dan in Taekwon-Do, who was acknowledged by his student, Ms. **Swara Salgar**, for his dedication as her instructor and mentor. Ms. **Salgar**, currently ranked 6th Gup Green Belt, described Mr. **Welch** as her “Gu Ru”, a term rooted in ancient tradition. In loose translation, “Gu” means darkness and “Ru”, means one who removes it. Taekwon-Do instruction extends far beyond physical techniques. Students are taught the tenets of Courtesy, Integrity, Perseverance, Self-Control, and Indomitable Spirit. These principles help shape character, discipline, and encourage students to have respect and confidence in everyday life.



Mr. Welch and Ms. Salgar



### **New Life Taekwon-Do Testing** - Submitted by Sr. Master White, 8th Dan, Arvada, Colorado

On May 5, 2026, New Life Taekwon-Do recognized the following rank advancements under the direction of Sr. Master White. Testing took place at Altitude Church in Arvada, Colorado, the home of New Life Taekwon-Do.

Ms. Jennifer Schofield was promoted to 1st Degree black belt. Having retired from her professional career in December 2025, Ms. Schofield will soon be relocating to the Northwest, where she plans to settle. This promotion acknowledges her sustained commitment, technical competency, and the dedication she has demonstrated throughout her time with New Life Taekwon-Do, even as she prepared for this transition.



Mr. Daniel Garcia was promoted to High Blue Belt. This advancement reflects his continued development and adherence to the standards expected at this level. Please join us in congratulating Ms. Schofield and Mr. Garcia on their well-earned promotions.

### **USTF Ho Sin Sul Seminar** -

*Submitted by Mrs. Sroykum, 6th Dan, Utah*

UCHTA was thrilled to host the USTF Ho Sin Sul Seminar, taught by **Master Geise** in Sandy, Utah on April 18th, 2026. Students of all ranks from Utah, Wyoming, and Nevada gathered for a full day of self-defense training. **Master Geise** reviewed the foundational principles of releases, joint locks, and throws, in an engaging and memorable way and helped us learn new ways to practice and teach our students. We walked away from this seminar with renewed excitement for this area of Taekwon-Do and are grateful for this experience.



Mr. Williams, B., demonstrates a take down on Mr. Williams N.



Master Geise demonstrates a joint lock on Master Bradbury.



Mr. Sroykum, N., throws Mr. Johnson as Mr. Kondo observes.

**USTF Annual Maintenance Fee - Due March 30, 2026**

***The USTF is still collecting Maintenance Fees for 2026. Please send these ASAP or call Headquarters at (303) 466-4963.***

The USTF reminds all members that the **2026 Annual Maintenance Membership Fee** is now past due. The annual maintenance fee is **\$75.00 per individual** and must be submitted no later than March 30, 2026. A **\$20.00 late fee** will be applied to payments received after the deadline. **Waiver Notice:** The 2026 maintenance fee is **waived** for members who joined the USTF between **October and December 2026**.

**Family Discounts:**

\$75.00 - First family member  
 \$50.00 - Second family member  
 \$35.00 - Third family member  
 \$25.00 - Fourth family member

**USTF School Membership Certificates - 2026**

This is a reminder to submit your Taekwon-Do school registration. This fee is required annually for any school with over 20 students. There are no additional fees in any USTF region. Please note that this program replaced the USTF Plaque Program. The registration fee is **\$50 per year** and provides instructors with a discount on USTF merchandise. Registration is due annually by **January 31st**. If you have not sent in your information, please contact headquarters at (303) 466-4963. When submitting your registration, please ensure you include the official name of your Taekwon-Do school. Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued support of the USTF.

**Sereff World Camp - 2026 - YMCA of the Rockies, Snow Mountain Ranch**  
**FINAL PAYMENT DUE - May 1 2026**

**Facebook Message, dated April 20, 2026, from Grand Master Sereff.**

*"Sereff Taekwon-Do World Camp is around the corner! We will be sending out liability forms to be completed and sent back the first week of May. We will be exchanging pins again this year, so gather some from your school, state or country and plan on having some fun! For those that want to pay your balance with the same credit card as the deposit, be sure you let us know. We have great plans for all! We will be leaving Sereff Taekwon-Do on the 21st of June at 1:00 pm to carpool up to camp. If you need a ride, make sure you are here by 12:30. More information to come!"*

**Camp dates:** June 21st - 26th, 2026

**Camp Details**

- **All campers must stay at the camp** (4-5 per room; linens and three meals daily included).
- Carpool from Sereff Taekwon-Do in Broomfield, CO at 1:00 p.m.
- If flying, use Denver International Airport. Depart Friday, June 26 after 5:00 p.m.
- Arrive at camp, **Sunday, June 21 after 3:00 p.m.** Group check in at 4:00 p.m. *By Grand Master Sereff*

**Costs**

- **\$700 Room & Board** (includes t-shirt)
- \$350 non-refundable deposit (was due by Dec 30, 2025)
- **\$350 balance due by May 1, 2026** \*\*\*\*\*
- Extra t-shirts \$15; hoodies \$45

You can pay by **check or with credit card**. If you have any questions, please call Grand Master Sereff at (303) 466-4963 or email: [rsereff@rmi.net](mailto:rsereff@rmi.net)

**Camp Liability Form** - Submitted by Grand Master Sereff, USTF Test Director and USTF Administrator

As Sereff World Camp 2026 approaches, we are excited to welcome registered students for an unforgettable Taekwon-Do experience! One of the most rewarding parts of camp is not just the training, it is the people you will meet along the way. All campers will be assigned rooms, and you may be paired with someone you do not know. Sharing a room with a new roommate is a wonderful opportunity to build friendships, learn from others, and truly embrace the spirit of Taekwon-Do.

Many past campers have found that stepping outside their comfort zone in this way made their experience far more meaningful and memorable. We want everyone to feel comfortable, but we also invite you to take a chance to connect with fellow campers from different schools, backgrounds and experiences. You might walk in as strangers, but leave as Taekwon-Do friends, for years to come.

We currently can not have a fire for smores. This may change but just in case, bring a flashlight for the fire ring. If you have questions or concerns contact USTF HQ at (303) 466-4963. Please complete the liability form and provide it to your instructor. We need all forms completed, signed and returned prior to camp. [2026 Camp Liability](#)

**Thank You to our Volunteers** - Submitted by Grand Master Sereff, USTF Test Director and USTF Administrator

Thank you to all of our incredible volunteers who help with events, set up, cleanup, babysitting, testing, seminars, and everyday chores that keep our organization running smoothly. Your donations of both time and money make it possible for many children to attend camp who otherwise would not have the opportunity.

This year, we were honored to award four scholarships provided by our instructors and students. Many of our senior members who are unable to attend camp themselves still choose to give so that someone else can experience it. Thank you for your generosity and dedication!

One of the most important volunteer groups at Sereff World Camp is our doctors. From spending all five days helping with altitude sickness, bumps, bruises, and overall health concerns, we truly could not have a successful camp without you. We are excited that Dr. Wilt and Dr. Joseph will be joining us again for the 2026 Sereff World Camp. Let's all remember to drink plenty of water during the week to lighten the load for our doctors!

The positions of Camp Director and Assistant Director are also volunteer roles, and they require endless hard work, dedication, and sacrifice. A very special thank you goes to **Grand Master Steadman** and **Grand Master Todd** for the many years of volunteer service they have devoted to these positions at Sereff World Camp. Your leadership makes everything run smoothly and makes my job easier.

Camp Team Directors are what we call "voluntolds." They sign up thinking they are coming to train and relax and suddenly they find themselves leading a team of around 40 students, many of whom they have never met before! They are responsible for organization of competitors, leading their teams, protecting the team mascot throughout the week, supporting team members, competing, creating, and somehow smiling through it all. Thank you for all you do!

Volunteers throughout the entire year make it possible for all of us to enjoy Taekwon-Do and the opportunities it provides. We appreciate every one of you. Thank you!

