

The East Valley Kicker

“I never had a policy; I have just tried to do my very best each and every day.” ~Abraham Lincoln

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JULY 2011

Welcome

- Jaden Fernandez (Little Dragons)
- Brady Weihmeir (Kids)
- Bryan Weihmeir (Yoga)

Dojo Credit Cards

July will be the last month that we will accept credit card payments on location.

This will *not* affect Member Solutions billing; they will continue to accept all credit cards for your tuition payments.

Beginning in August, for retail, testing, special events, and dues on-site, we will only accept payment by cash or checks (please make checks out to “Ryukyu Karate”). Please plan ahead when you make a dojo purchase, as we rarely have change for cash. We are sorry for any inconvenience. On the bright side, we will be saving money on ballooning credit card fees, which we will continue to pass on to you.



A BELT IS AN INVITATION

Jenifer Tull-Gauger Shihan, 4th Dan

Every belt we award a student is an invitation. Generally, with each rank, we ask you to work on making yourself a better person. That can be done in many different ways. Specifically, I have broken down each belt to what I think the invitation means.

-WHITE: Welcome, let's get to know each other better in classes.

-YELLOW-STRIPE: You can go far (an invitation to become a dojo member).

-YELLOW: We're entrusting you with the responsibility of setting a good example for your lower ranks. (This responsibility continues and becomes greater the higher your rank goes.)

-ORANGE: We invite you to finish learning the beginner techniques, and challenge you to strengthen up your stances and techniques.

-GREEN: You are now an intermediate student. Now the more dynamic stuff begins!

-BLUE: We trust you to practice more partner work, to do so carefully and seriously, and to remember more katas and complexes.

-PURPLE: It's time to ramp up your training. We're preparing you for the brown belts

with (in most cases) more time before your next test.

-3rd KYU: You are now an advanced student. We are inviting you to become a black belt one day. *This* is the time to seriously consider if you want karate with us to be a *permanent part* of your lifestyle.

-2nd KYU: Your second invitation to become a black belt. You have the most people watching you now. It's time to finish your community service project and be a dojo representative in the community.

-1st KYU: Your third invitation to become a black belt. You won't have the constant feedback of belt stripes, or curriculum requirements, but we expect you to trust your instructors' wisdom and train hard.

-1st BLACK: You are *accepting the responsibilities of:* being a permanent part of the dojo; setting a good example; giving back by teaching and supporting the dojo; and keeping the karate tradition going.

-2nd BLACK: We want you to be a part of the core dojo leadership (esp. adult nidan), and we trust you with greater responsibility.

-3rd BLACK: You have persevered through the black belt ranks, and are ready to shoulder

the responsibility of supporting the dojo at a higher level.

-HIGHER BLACK (Junior): With each promotion, you gain more respect and recognition in the Alliance, and become a more skilled practitioner. Now is the time to work into a more consistent teaching role.

-HIGHER BLACK (Adult): Your training and promotion have a lot more to do with teaching, bringing others up in karate and promoting the tradition. The quest for knowledge is endless!

-BLACK BELT CLUB (any rank, usually blue and up): You have shown loyalty, perseverance, respect, and good spirit. We want you to be a dojo representative.

With rank comes responsibility. When you accept a belt, you accept responsibility. In the living martial arts, we repeatedly invite you to work more, to train more, to give back more. (The magic is that you help others and you benefit the world as you do so, yet you benefit more than anyone in this process.) It is up to *you* to continually accept our invitation.

(Note: Lil' Dragons have 2 additional belts between each of the above.)



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>NEW Bo's & Single sticks 10% off order by Sat. 7/23</p>	<p>SAMURAI TRAINING <i>Saturdays - 9:55am</i> Ages 6 thru adult are welcome to drop in, see flyer for details. SAMURAI WISDOM, HONOR & STRENGTH focus on life-protection</p>			<p>NEEDED: YOUR USED GEAR! We are accepting donations of used Karate uniforms, t-shirts, sparring gear, weapons, etc. They will be sold to help with dojo upkeep.</p>	1	2 No Classes, Dojo Closed <i>July 1st—4th</i>
3	4 No Classes, Dojo Closed <i>Independence Day</i>	5 Summer Weekly Schedule resumes	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Black Belt Club for members 12:15pm. <i>Speiser Sensei's Birthday</i>
17	18	19	20	21	22 Teen Movie at Super Saver Cinema. <i>Theo's B-day</i>	23 Last day to place Century orders this month. <i>Braden's B-day</i>
24	25 Used Gear Sale begins 6pm >	26 Used Gear Sale continues thru Saturday>	27 >>	28 >>	29	30 Certificates & Test 10:55a.* Used Gear Sale ends 12:30pm.
31 <i>Marcelino's & Austin's Birthday</i> 	<p>DOJO LIBRARY We have a dojo library where our karate families can borrow mostly martial arts-related materials, including Dr. Terrence Webster-Doyle's <u>Parent's Guide to Martial Arts</u>, a movie on bullying in VHS and DVD formats, and a DVD for kids about staying safe. The library materials also include non-fiction and kids' novels. The policy is you sign out a book on the nearby list, and bring it back within a month. If you lose it, we expect you to replace it or buy it.</p>					<p>* = Wear full formal gi / uniform. Aug. 6th is the last day of the Summer Weekly Schedule</p>