



The East Valley Kicker

"By constant self-discipline and self-control you can develop greatness of character." - Grenville Kleiser

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AUGUST 2016

SWIM PARTY PLANNING

We traditionally hold a Dojo End-of-Summer Swim Party after school starts. We are open to ideas for a location. Does anyone with a pool wish to host the party? Do you recommend a community pool that can accommodate us?

REFERRALS

The biggest compliment you can give the dojo is your referral to your family and friends.

Please also refer us to other potential students by giving us a review online. East Valley Martial Arts is on most major website listings. Thanks!!

Karate Intro Program: \$30 for one week & free gi!

* New students only.

The East Valley Kicker is provided courtesy of East Valley Martial Arts—Kenshin Kan

Head Instructors:
Kirk Gauger,
Renshi, 5th Dan &
Jenifer Tull-Gauger,
Renshi, 5th Dan

GOAL-GETTERS!

Congratulations to everyone who has attained their goals recently! Eddie Lopez was promoted to Junior Shodan, his first black belt.

Alex Lopez earned the rank of Junior Shodan, first black belt.

Marty Siemon Sensei was promoted to Nidan, second black belt. This makes him our dojo's oldest Sensei as well as the most mature to earn it.

Jenifer Tull-Gauger's Gallant Kids article, entitled *Braden's "Footprints,"* about an advanced student who volunteers to teach karate, appears in the September, 2016 issue of *Highlights Magazine for Children*. This is Tull-Gauger Renshi's first mainstream publication credit.

TEEN MEETING 8/23

The dojo is proud to have a good group of teen students. Barr Sensei will be heading up upcoming fun, social activities for them. To start this off, there will be a Teen Meeting on Tuesday Aug. 23rd at 7:10 pm. Teens, please do your best to attend and plan to bring a DVD (if you have it) of your favorite movie, and to share why you like it. Also, be ready to brainstorm fun activities that dojo teens can participate in together! It is our desire that this group be driven by the teens, for the teens, with Barr Sensei's guidance and leadership.

USED GEAR SALE

We will be selling used karate gear at the dojo from Wed. Aug. 24th through Tues. Aug. 30th. There will be various uniforms, t-shirts, sparring gear and weapons at great prices! See the signs for details. We will only be able to take cash or checks for the sale.

If you have any martial arts gear that you no longer use, please consider donating it to the dojo. This can be done at any time, but is especially appreciated by the beginning of the sale.

If you would like to volunteer for an hour or two to help set up the sale, please contact Jenifer Renshi to set up a time: (480) 330-8886. Thank you!

OKINAWA TRIP BLOG

Tull-Gauger Renshi has finished writing about our Okinawa trip on the blog on our website. In all, she wrote 21 installments about the trip from January 20th through July 25th 2016. There are a lot of pictures of the trip, a few poems, and several videos (mostly of the katas we performed while there). You can learn more about the castles, dojos and Okinawan culture, and maybe even feel like you took a virtual trip with us. It's at: <http://www.evma.net/blog/2016/01/20/okinawa-trip-1/>




Aug. WEAPON: **Bo, Jo**
 (for Sept.: Nunchaku, Chizi)
 FOCUS: **SELF-DISCIPLINE**



August 2016

RENSHIS' CELL: (480) 330-8886

New **NUNCHAKU**
10% off
 In-stock or order by Sat. 8/20.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Black Belt Club for members 10:10a (no B.B Weapons).
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Last day to place Century orders for this month.
21	22 Registration Deadline for Texas Seminar on Sept. 9 & 10.	23 Meeting for all Dojo Teens 7:10 pm (bring your fav. movie on DVD)	24 Used Gear Sale Begins 6 pm.	25	26	27 Certificate Ceremony* & Testing* 10:10a (no B.B Weapons.)
28	29	30 Used Gear Sale 10 pm.	31	Certificate Ceremony & Testing takes place the last Saturday of the month at 10:10am, but not on holidays. To receive your certificate, attend a ceremony at least a month after your test.		Note: No classes Fri. Sept 2nd through Mon. Sept. 5th for Labor Day.

* = Wear full formal gi / uniform.