



# The East Valley Kicker

“Never respond to an angry person with a fiery comeback, even if he deserves it...Don't allow his anger to become your anger.”  
- Bohdi Sanders

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## Welcome

- ♦ Alissa Ryan (Kids)
- ♦ Evelina To (Adults)
- ♦ Sarah To (Kids)

## INSTRUCTOR CAMP HERE

U.R.K.A. Instructor Camp is here at our dojo this year! Kaicho will head up this camp specifically for advanced students, to further their teaching skills and promote Ryukyu Kempo more efficiently. Shido Menkyo Jo certification will be presented to those who complete the camp. This is a rare opportunity for our brown and black belts. Camp tuition is \$75 and includes lunch on Saturday. Be sure to sign up today!

BROWN BELTS finish around 2 pm on Saturday.

BLACK BELTS finish around 5 pm on Saturday.

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

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## KARATE FOREVER

by Jenifer Tull-Gauger

A five-year-old Little Dragons student arrived as I prepared and pulled things together for that night's classes, "Hey, Renshi, whatcha doin?" he said confidently.

I was a little surprised and also very proud about his sudden outgoing nature. This is the same boy who used to sort of nod silently when I greeted him. And that only after his family encouraged him to say hi. Now he was the first to talk, and asking questions. (One of those proud, priceless karate instructor moments.)

"I'm just getting this folder for the last class tonight," I answered. It was my final preparation for that evening's classes, that being one of many evenings in our ongoing karate program.

It was his turn to be surprised, "Tonight's the last class?"

I realized that my young

student mistakenly thought that this would be the final night of karate. I wanted to reassure him, "No, this is just for to-night's last class. We will keep having karate after that, next week... There is no end to karate."

"No end?" Now his blue eyes looked even more astonished. I wondered if that was too much for him, in his short time on earth, to fathom. It seemed I'd laid a huge, possibly burdensome epiphany on this kid. He was five, and had about a year of karate under his belt. Maybe it seemed to him that he'd already done karate for forever. Now this teacher, *the* authority on karate for him, was saying he was stuck doing karate until the end of time?

"I plan to do karate for as long as I can," I explained. "It helps us to be faster, stronger, and better able to protect ourselves, right?"

"Yes," he replied.

"I want to help you and other people learn that too, for as long as I can," I said.

He seemed to agree that this was a good idea. He relaxed into the realization that this was not an ending of classes or a dramatic conclusion to karate for all of our students. And it wasn't a huge revelation that we were in some terrible trap with no escape. It was just another week of training as usual. Another regular day of karate in a string of karate days. And if we and those who come after us are fortunate, those days will stretch forward into karate forever.



OCT. WEAPON:  
*nunchaku, chizi kun bo*  
 (Nov: Sai, Tonfa)  
 FOCUS: *Restraint*

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RENSHIS' CELL: (480) 330-8886

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Used Gear Sale begins 6:00 pm.	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Used Gear Sale ends 8:10 pm.	11	12	13 BBC 7:30 pm: Ninja Obstacle Course of Death (No 7:30 pm Adults today)	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Teens Meet 7:30 pm to prepare for Halloween, etc. Bring a snack or finger food to share. (No 7:30 pm Adults class.)	21 Last Day to place Century orders for this month.
22	23	24	25 Certificates* & Test* 6:40 pm. (No 6:35 pm class today, no Yoga)	26	27 Instructor Camp 6-8 pm. Regular classes at 6 & 6:35. (No 7:30 pm Adults class.)	28 Instructor Camp 9 am to 2 pm for brown, to 5 pm for black. Regular 9:10 am class. (No 10:10 class.)
29	30	31 Dojo Halloween Party 4:00-5:30 pm. (No classes today.)	<div data-bbox="716 1724 1110 1984" data-label="Complex-Block"> <p><b>NEW Tonfa or Sai</b>  <b>10% off</b></p>  <p>By request, order by 10/21.</p> </div>		<div data-bbox="1122 1724 1521 1984" data-label="Text"> <p><b>Certificate Ceremony &amp; Testing</b> takes place Wed. Oct. 25th at 6:40 pm due to Instructor Camp. Some classes on Fri. the 27th and Sat. the 28th will still take place during Instructor Camp.</p> </div>	

\* = Wear full formal gi / uniform.