



# The East Valley Kicker

"Honesty is more than not lying. It is truth telling, truth speaking, truth living, and truth loving." - James E. Faust

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FEBRUARY 2020

## AZ SPRING KARATE CAMP UPDATES

We will be hosting this URKA sanctioned event at our dojo. We encourage all Kids and Adults Program students to participate!

Camp: Fri. Mar. 6 (evening) & Sat. Mar. 7 (all day).

Earlybird deadline Wed. Feb. 19th: register and pay for camp by this day to save money on camp tuition!

Volunteers are needed Sat. Mar. 7th in the morning, midday, and at the end of camp to help with set-up and serving meals.



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

Head Instructors:  
Kirk Gauger,  
Renshi, 6th Dan &  
Jenifer Tull-Gauger,  
Renshi, 6th Dan

## The Story Behind Karate with your Dog

Press Release

East Valley Martial Arts karate dojo is happy to sponsor a special once-in-a-lifetime event that includes dog companions.

### Why Karate with your Dog?

Jenifer Tull-Gauger's second picture book includes karate and the adoption of a dog, and so the book's publication will be celebrated with a karate class that's going to the dogs. The launch party will take place 9:45 a.m.—11:30 a.m. on Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, outside East Valley Martial Arts in Mesa.

The party will include book signings, a book reading, pictures with your dog and the author, and a special karate class with your dog. Participants in the class are invited to bring their dogs to go alongside them

through a martial arts influenced obstacle course. Donations will be accepted for the Arizona Humane Society.

Ms. Tull-Gauger says, "As traditional karate instructors, my husband and I are looking forward to hosting a fun, unique event while keeping a focus on safety, as we do in all our classes." She both wrote and illustrated her new picture book, "The Two True Karate Kids." The book reflects Ms. Tull-Gauger's personality in that it is fun, unique and influenced by traditional karate.

### More on the Book

In the character-building children's picture book, a karate boy and a karate girl get tangled up in the webs of dishonesty. This is due to only one of them being allowed to adopt a dog. Dishonesty is por-

trayed as a yellow and green, size-changing spider. The karate friends must battle this negative character trait in an attempt to save their friendship. The website [www.JeniferTullGauger.com](http://www.JeniferTullGauger.com) has book trailers and more information about this and the author's other books. "The Two True Karate Kids," geared toward kids aged five to 10, is available to order online at Amazon and Barnes and Noble, in addition to being for sale at the launch party.

Minors under 18 must have a guardian present with them at the launch party, and all dogs must be on a leash and under control of their handler. Contact Jenifer to reserve a spot in the Karate with your Dog Class, for more info, or in the event of rain for the alternate date.

FEB. WEAPON: *Nunchaku*,  
**Chizikunbo**  
 (Mar: Kama, Tan Bo)  
 FOCUS: *Honesty*



# February 2020

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<p><b>Certificate Ceremony &amp; Testing</b> takes place the last Saturday of the month at 10:40am, except holidays. Saturday class for All Ranks and Black Belts, Kids and Adults is at 9:40am.</p>	<p>Valentine's Guest Passes for a Free Class in February are available at the dojo. Let a renshi know if you need a lot. Share your love of karate!</p>				1	
2	3	4	5	6	7 Teen Game Night 7:30—9:00 pm, free, bring a game & snack to share. For ages 13 to 18.	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 Regular classes cancelled. Karate w/ your Dog 10am at Book Launch Party 9:45-11:30am outside.
16	17 <i>Presidents Day</i>	18	19 Early Bird Deadline for Spring Camp. Register and pay by today to save.	20	21 Black Belt Club for BBC members 7:30-8:20pm.	22 Last day to place Century orders.
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Certificate Ceremony & Testing* 10:40am. (No Weapons Class)

\* = Wear full formal gi / uniform.