



The East Valley Kicker

"Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having positive results." — Willie Nelson

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JUNE 2018

Welcome

♦ Vance Jeffery (Little Dragons)

BUDDY COMPETITION DAY

Bring your friends and acquaintances to compete: with you, individually, and on a team, for prizes!

Tues. June 19th at 6:10pm. Kids must have parent permission, free!

LIL' DRAGON BUDDY DAY

A free karate event for 3-to-5-year-olds. Help young students practice hospitality, **Fri. June 22nd at 6:00pm.**

BATTLE OF BELTS

This is a summer-long competition among belt groups. (Get 15 points for each Buddy Day guest!)

SUMMER RAFFLE

Earn tickets by sharing a kata picture or using the Dojo Kun. See flyer for details.

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

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SUMMER CAMP: 5 BEST MEMORIES

By Jenifer Tull-Gauger

I unexpectedly saw one of our black belts and as it is that time of year our conversation turned toward Summer Camp. We naturally spoke of our travel experiences to headquarters, both recent and in years past. We have been fortunate – or as some people put it, we have made the sacrifice – to attend so many United Ryukyu Kempo Alliance camps. Summer Camp is always the biggest U.R.K.A. gathering in the U.S. All ranks come from all over the world, some of them to test for black belt.

FIRST IMPRESSION

I will never forget my first Summer Camp impression. This was an apex in my martial arts training path. Over 100 practitioners attended that weekend of training, and a good half of them held the rank of black belt. That alone would have been an experience to remember. But I was welcomed with greetings and friendly conversations from too many people to remember. The philosophy of "human beings first and martial artists second" lived and acted. Add to the impression the strong, seemingly effortless physical skill of the black belts who demonstrated.

BO BREAKING

Another year, Kaicho had several black belts demonstrate the weapons kata they would teach. Brian Norris Sensei did his bo kata, and quite a ways through it, he did a strike so powerfully that the bo broke into two pieces. The exclamations from the audience, especially the kids, filled the room. So many people – just about all the children at that summer camp – signed up to take Norris Sensei's bo seminar that he had a huge weapons class.

SUMMER CAMP SEND OFF

Fred Neuman Kyoshi spends quite a bit of his time training in traditional Japanese archery. The Summer Camp after Oyata Sensei passed away, Mr. Neuman performed a touching archery send-off ceremony. We gathered outside in the beautiful weather. In full traditional dress, Neuman Kyoshi sent an arrow off to its target, symbolizing Oyata Sensei going off on his new journey.

AFTER CAMP SEMINAR

Albert Gerald Hanshi, a high-ranking guest at Summer Camp, once offered a special after-camp-seminar to Senseis

and higher rank black belts. We filled the dojo and he wanted to see our 12 base katas. It was quite an experience. Gerald Hanshi said that we all had the katas down very close to how Shigeru Nakamura Sensei taught them. We always enjoy the presence of our special guests.

RAIN, MUD & WHITE T-SHIRTS

One year Kaicho provided us with special, custom white Summer Camp t-shirts. We looked sharp, serious and pristine for photographs in traditional colors with white and black camp uniforms. Then the rain started. And it kept pouring down. Most of the attendees were outside training, and the downpour brought welcome relief to the humid Missouri day. So they kept training. In wet, white t-shirts. Some of the groups in the mud. We could tell when they came in who had been standing in front of others practicing kicks, because they had spots of mud flung onto their backs. I'll just say I will never forget the rain and the white t-shirts.

What is your favorite Summer Camp memory?

JUNE WEAPON: *Nunchaku, Chizi*
 (Jul.: sai, tonfa)
 FOCUS: *Good Attitude*


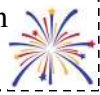


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|  | Certificate Ceremony & Testing takes place the last Saturday of the month, except holidays. Saturday class for All Ranks is at 9:10am, when kyu ranks train separate from black belts. | | NOTE: No classes, dojo will be closed on Wed. July 4th. Have a safe 4th  | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Dojo Closed, No Classes. Teachers at U.R.K.A. camp training. |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Black Belt Club for BBC members 7:30 pm. (No 7:30 pm Adults) | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 Buddy Competition Day, free 6:10-7:00pm. | 20 | 21 | 22 Lil' Dragons Buddy Day for 3-to-5-year-old guests, free 6:00-6:30pm. | 23 Core Leadership Meeting 10:10 am. Last day to place Century orders. |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Teen Game Night 7:30—9:00 pm, free, bring a snack to share. (No 7:30 pm Adults.) | 30 Certificate Ceremony* & Test* 10:10 am. |

* = Wear full formal gi / uniform.