



The East Valley Kicker

“Success doesn’t always come quickly to everybody, but it comes surely to those who persist.” -Mark Morgan Ford

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AUGUST 2017

T-SHIRTS

We have run out of some sizes of t-shirts, so we will place a special order of our last design (dragon & rei/ respect). This design was on green, but because you can place a pre-order, you can choose a grey, red and/ or green t-shirt. They are still \$20 each, including tax. Be sure to sign up in the front room by Sat. Aug. 19th if you’d like to get any dojo t-shirts if we don’t have them in stock. Include your name, shirt color (red, grey or green), size (youth small, youth med., youth large, adult small, adult med., adult large, XL, XXL or XXXL, and quantity needed.



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DOJO BUDDIES

by Jenifer Tull-Gauger

“In life, it’s not where you go—it’s who you travel with.” -Charles M. Schulz. In the early 2000’s, a young man named Brandon LaBorde heard about our dojo from a buddy in his writing class. He tried karate and liked it! After becoming a black belt, he loyally took his responsibilities to heart. Today he is the Sempai of our dojo—the second in command and “big brother number one” of all the students.

Now we have come full circle, because a good buddy of Sempai’s, Kyle Searcy, has started karate with us, along with his kids. But that does not close the circle and end the story, it is just the completion of one such cycle, which will continue to repeat in various ways.

Over the years I have seen a lot of buddies come to the dojo and for many of them, the fun and benefits of karate are contagious. Some of our

best students started karate with us because they were encouraged to by a “karate friend.” We love students who come in on a karate friend’s referral, because they have a good idea that we stand for family, traditional values, and strong life-protection

techniques.

Bring your friends to Buddy Day this month, so we can work together to be stronger, more united, and better able to protect ourselves and each other. Maybe one day we’ll be able to call them our buddies too.

Buddy Day Guest Pass

FREE KARATE CLASS

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Lil’ Dragons, Age 3 thru 5: 6:00-6:30pm

Mixed, Age 6 thru Adult: 6:30-7:25pm

From:



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**Join us for a Free
Traditional Karate
class on Buddy Day!**

Parent/Guardian approval required for ages 17 and under: I verify that my child has permission to attend Buddy Day. Sign here: _____ Print name: _____ Date: _____

Preferred contact info: _____

- I’d like to know more about your program.
- Please add my e-mail to your list:

Aug. WEAPON: *bo, jo*
 (Sept.: nunchaku, chizi kun bo)
 FOCUS: *Perseverance*



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RENSHIS' CELL: (480) 330-8886

NEW Nunchaku
10% off

In-stock or order by 8/19.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Certificate Ceremony & Testing takes place the last Saturday of the month, except holidays. Every Saturday, class for All Ranks is at 9:10am, when kyu ranks train separate from black belts.	1	2	3	4	5 Dojo Teen Movie: RSVP to meet at dojo at 11:10am or at theater at 11:40am.	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 BBC 7:30 (No 7:30 Adults today)	19 Last day to order Dojo T-shirts, \$20 each.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Core Leadership Meeting 10:05 am. Certificate Ceremony & Test* 10:35am.
27	28	29	30 Buddy Day—bring your friends, free! Age 3 to 5 at 6pm, Age 6 to Adult at 6:35 pm.	31		DOJO WILL BE CLOSED for Labor Day SEPTEMBER 1st & 2nd (Fri. & Sat.)

= Wear full formal gi / uniform.