



June Newsletter

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Annual Event Schedule

- Masters Clinic, June 4-7, Elizabethtown, PA
- Summer Color Belt Testing, Sat, 6/13, 1-5 pm
- World Championships, **July 16th-19th**, Schaumburg, IL
- Black Belt Camp, 8/7-9, Kalamazoo, MI
- Fall Color Belt Testing, Sat, 9/12, 1-5 pm
- Instructor Workout, 9/19, 1:30-4, Wave
- Midwest Extravaganza, Oct 16-18, Frankenmuth, MI
- Instructor Workout, 11/7, 1:30-, NWIMAA
- Winter Color Belt Testing, Sat, 12/12, 1-5 pm

Prospective 2027

- New Year's Day Workout, 1/1/27, 8-10 am
- Action Hero Photos, 1/18-19, 2027, 3-8 pm. Please note that the Monday is Martin Luther King Day.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, or if you plan to be absent.

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Pop-tab Collection

Ronald McDonald House Charities: I would love to keep up our contribution! Thank you to all who continue to support these efforts. Elmhurst is no longer in the lead. Let's see if we can turn that around.

Testing Fee Changes

Headquarters has changed their fees for inflation so we have as well. Little Dragons and Yellow Belts are currently \$25 and gups are \$60. Please make note.

Special Class on 6/26

Please note that there will be special tournament classes for upcoming Worlds for Yellow belts through black belts on Friday, June 26!

Blue and Black Belt Summer Planning

To all current black belts, blue belts, and advanced red belts: Please note the date of Dan Camp. Many of you have talked about other events that conflict with the camp. Realize that missing camp may mean not being able to test for higher belt or adding another year until you next test for black belts. Make Black Belt Camp a priority.

If you are unable to attend, you can ask to attend a camp in a different region.

**6/19-21- Region 8 PA Adult Camp
6/26-28 Region 1 OR**

World Championships

World Championships will occur in Schaumburg, IL July 17-18 General Breakdown is as follows: Friday July 17th Creativity, along with all Black Belts Divisions; Saturday July 18th, Opening ceremonies followed by Little Dragon and all color belt divisions. After party at 7:30pm; Sunday, July 19th picnic at Great America from noon-4pm.

We will need volunteers from local karate families to pitch in and help with some preparations before the week of Worlds. Please let us know if you can help in any way.

No Classes 3rd week in July

As you know, World Championships will be the 3rd week in July (July 12-18). The vast majority of instructors for Elmhurst Tang Soo Do will be working hard to ensure the success of this event. Please let us know if any parents are willing and able to volunteer to assist as well!

Karate Planning (Read)

As a color belt, it is important to map out your path to Black Belt. You should mark your calendar for March 7th, June 13th, Sept 12th and December 12th. Plan on testing either in March or June for your next belt. If you don't test in March it is essential that you test in June. Parents please consider this in your summer vacation plans.

If you are approaching black belt (red and above), you should plan attending the following events:

**World Championships (IL) 7/17-18
Black Belt Camp (MI) 8/8
Midwest Extravaganza (MI) 10/16-18**

If you prioritize attending these events year after year, you will realize one day it has become a way of life.

Summer Fun

I have mentioned to many of the parents in the hallway that it is important for us to be aware if a student has been outside in the hot sun for a large part of the day. Summer means field trips, vacations, pool time, and more. But it also means heat and dehydration. It is very helpful for instructors to be able to monitor any extra challenges to a student's wellbeing during class.

Summer Outside Classes

We plan to make the most of the summer weather. For many of our classes that are NOT Little Dragons, we may choose to do activities outside from time to time. Please make sure that all students bring water bottles and wear sturdy shoes (like athletic shoes) in the event that we choose to take classes outside. Thank you!

Courts Building Closure

Courts will be closed for its annual building maintenance and clean up. There will be no classes on August 7th through the 9th. Normal Courts hours will resume on August 10th.