

USA KARATE ACADEMY

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Announcements, Events, Tournament News



"Fall Back" into Dojo life through training, tournaments, volunteering, and more! We have opportunities for everyone to enhance their journey of karate-do.

From the desk of Shihan Joni

Monday, November 13, 2017

Greetings to all our students, parents, family members, and friends.

As I look forward to my 37th year in martial arts, I am grateful for all martial arts has enabled me to achieve as a person and to offer to our great community. It was a blessing in disguise letting go of our Annual Pacific Northwest Karate-do Classic tournament this year as it allowed us to host an in-house tournament for our very own dojo members.

Our in-house tournament gave us the opportunity to demonstrate the art and sport of karate-do in a fun, non-intimidating environment. All our students' karate skills shined brightly at every level. Newer students were able to get a glimpse of what a karate tournament is like and parents of our students had a chance to get to know one another.

The new leaders of our dojo (senpai) were able to practice judging, officiating, refereeing, and organizing.

For those of you who may have missed the event, we announced that Sensei Justin Wilson is returning to the dojo as our new Program Director.

After 4.5 years, Sensei Justin returned from living in Japan where he worked in private education. He is eager to utilize his experience in education to refine our classes and operations at the karate school. Sensei looks forward to getting to know our dojo family, so please introduce yourself if you haven't already.

As we look forward to the fall season, we want to give our heartfelt thanks to the following volunteers: Sensei Tony Wilson, Sensei Irwin Batara, Sensei Jon Hie, Senpai Kyle D, Senpai Eric D, Senpai Maya B, Senpai Nicolas B, Senpai Ian P, Senpai Greta Hardin, Tavin P, Marcio R, Michael H, Anthony V, and Aseem S.

Very truly yours,

Shihan Joni Sharrah

Mark Your Calendars!

EVENTS

12/8 - Belt Testing (invitations are via USPS)

12/9-30 - Buddy Weeks!
Bring a friend or two to class, be a senpai for the day, earn \$5 Buddy Bucks to put toward retail or tuition!

UPCOMING CLOSURES

11/23-25 - Thanksgiving Holiday

We are thankful for all our dojo family!

12/25 - Christmas Day

1/1/2018 - Happy New Year!

Happy Birthday Autumn Babies!

Lura Dunn - Oct 6
Ruby L - Oct 07
Zayne C - Oct 12
Aanchal Sethi - Oct 13
Kristian K - Oct 18
Sensei Alan Sharrah - Oct 30

Ian P - Nov 01
Mitchy M - Nov 04
Victor C - Nov 04
Euan D - Nov 20

Tournament Report

Thank you to everyone who participated our Fall In-House Tournament!

Our Fall In-House tournament was a wonderful day filled with student successes and wonderful camaraderie thanks to everyone's support. From newly trained officials to families helping to set up and break down, the day was filled with the sense of community that is unique to USA Karate Academy. We're proud to be a part of your lives.

Congratulations to the participating athletes!

We awarded 31 gold, 31 silver, and 28 bronze medals to our 40+ participants. Please download a complete tournament list of medals awarded at www.usakaratedojo.com.

Get Involved - Many Ways to Support the Dojo

Booster Club

Looking for a way to directly support the students? Join the USA Karate Academy Booster Club! The Booster Club's goal is to help all the students of our school. They raise money to defray tournament travel expenses and host events to promote camaraderie and enthusiasm. To participate, please email your name, email, and best contact phone number to the dojo email address and we'll forward your information to Julia Prosser, who is spear-heading the return of the Booster Club.

Buddy Weeks

Bring a friend or family member to karate class this December! From December 11-30, you're invited to bring your friends to class. All participants need to complete a pre-enrollment form, wear loose comfortable clothes, and be ready to have fun! *Please bring NEW buddies to earn Buddy Bucks to put toward retail or tuition!*

Community Self Defense, Birthday Parties, and More...

Do you have a Scout troop that could use a bully busting or self-defense seminar for a patch? Perhaps your workplace or place of worship would be interested in hosting a self-defense event! We have specific curriculum just for these workshops and offer them in 1 - 2hr time slots. We're happy to use our space or travel to yours. Rates vary by duration and number

Jace B - Nov 24
Stella B - Nov 29
Ava L - Nov 29

Emela M - Dec 06
Ayana M - Dec 06
Dane Pray - Dec 06
Manuel Moreyra - Dec 07
Kyle D - Dec 15
Eric D - Dec 15
Tomas S - Dec 16

SAVE THE DATE (upcoming tournaments)

WSKF Invitational Tournament

February 11, 2018
Des Moines WA

Walla Walla Invitational

February 16-17, 2018
Touchet WA

U.S. Open

March 30-April 1, 2018
Las Vegas NV

Ozawa Cup

March 29-April 1, 2018
Las Vegas NV

PN AAU District Championships

April 14, 2018
Bothell WA

AAU Karate Nationals

June 29-July 1, 2018
Ft. Lauderdale FL

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Policy Reminders & Updates

Check your Official
Record Promotion Book
and your New Student
Handbook for details

Make sure we have your
current cell/mobile phone
number and email address!

of attendees.

We also host birthday parties for up to 20 students. Activities, instruction, and decorations are on us, food and drink are yours to furnish. Ask for more details!

Remember Parents' Night Out? Karate-Thon? These events are options we offer based partly on participation and interest. We're looking for still more fun events to offer, so stay tuned to email and social media for continuing announcements regarding dojo special events.

Let us know if you/your student will miss class for any reason.

Visit our website! | www.usakaratedojo.com