



Gentry Martial Arts May PART II

Congrats to our new black belts:

On May 1st we had several students earn black belts in the United States Hapkido Federation. We want to thank this group for all their hard work.

Miss Jessica Brandt.

Mr. Derek Smith

Mrs. Mandy Yoshida

Mr. Yusaku Kawai

Mr. Pete Amundson

Special congratulations goes to *Mr. Shaun Watts*, for becoming GMA's first student to earn his 2nd degree in Hapkido.

Additionally, congrats goes to *Miss Jessica Brandt* for finishing her requirements to earn her cho-dan in TKD as well.

Two Students earn GMA's highest award

Special thanks and honor to Miss Jessica Brandt and Mr. Derek Smith for receiving GMA's highest honor, the gentry certificate, for outstanding dedication and service to the martial arts both physically and otherwise. The gentry certificate recognizes those students who have proven themselves to be of the mold GMA is named for—the ideal of kunja or gentry. Well, ok, at least they are working towards the ideal.

Demo Team

Please keep in mind demo team has practices on Friday night from 6:30-7:00 or 7:15. As the demo season draws near, we really need these extra sessions. The next full session will be Sat. May 22nd from 9-12. Please note the earlier start time since there will be no leadership team meeting.

Testings:

USHF testing: Hapkido testing at GMAM on Friday May 14th.

TTCA testing: the next TKD testing will be held during TTCA summer camp in Southern IN on Sat. June 12th. We hope to have another testing in our area in July.

Lil Dragons testing: Scheduled for June 5th at GMA-Martinsville.

Please keep Biane Kidwell in your thoughts and prayers

Biane, our program director at the Martinsville school, continues to improve and recover from surgery. We ask that you continue to keep her in mind, and we also ask your patience with us at the school until our staffing behind the desk is back to full strength.

TTCA Summer Camp information

TTCA summer camp information and applications are now available. Please only take one if you are seriously entertaining going. Please note the registration deadline before the camp on June 11-13th, so that administrators can plan for food, housing, etc. You may be able to register later, but you run the risk of not having a bed if the camp fills.

Congratulations to our Seniors

GMA would like to congratulate and thank our seniors from DePauw for all their hard work, and wish them all the best. From TKD- Miss Jessica Brandt and Mr. Derek Smith, From Hapkido- Mr. Yusaku Kawai, Mr. Pete Amundson, Jesse Dame (and Miss Brandt and Mr. Smith again).



Parents Committee Update:

Thanks to all on the parents committee for their work on the upcoming break-a-thon. Congrats and a special thank you goes to the new officers of the committee: President Michelle Pierce, VP Todd Anderson, and Sec./Treasurer Debi McLeod. The next parents committee meeting will be on Sat. May 22nd at 11:00 am in Martinsville.

ANNUAL BREAK-A-THON and PICNIC: the push and the details

This edition of the newsletter is really about the upcoming break-a-thon. Again, this years break-a-thon is to benefit Katie S.—an eight year old lil dragon who is undergoing radiation for multiple brain tumors. So far, the results of the treatment have been very encouraging. There are several questions and odds and ends that we thought we would answer for everyone's benefit:

- ❑ Where--The event is to be held at Morgan-Monroe state park just off of 37 between Bloomington and Martinsville. The shelter we plan to have will be close to the 37 entrance. We plan on having signs and balloons marking the turns and guiding you. More detailed maps are also available at the school.
- ❑ When—May 15 (RAIN OR SHINE). We plan on starting the event around 10:00. Actually breaking from 10:30-12:00. Eating at noon. Fun and games after that.
- ❑ For pledges—we are encouraging straight donations this year. If someone is interested in pledging per board, our goal is provide around 5 boards per participant. We really wont know for sure until we see how many people show up and how much wood is donated though.
- ❑ Collection--Please don't forget to bring your money the day of the event. We would like to have all of it turned in that day.
- ❑ What to wear—Do NOT wear your doboks. We recommend your pants and your belt with a t-shirt, with an extra pair of shorts or pants to change into once the breaking is done. We will be playing games and eating, so white doboks are bound to get ruined.
- ❑ Still Needed-- We seem to be short on side dishes, veggies, salads, etc. Also need cooking/grilling utensils and serving utensils. If you haven't signed up, please consider bringing these items. The grill issue is believed to be solved.
- ❑ Car pooling-- Anyone interested in carpooling, we are telling everyone to meet at both schools at 9:15 and leave by 9:30.