



DECEMBER 09 GMA NEWSLETTER

Upcoming events:

Dec 4 th	TTCA testing
Dec 5 th	TKD black belt prep class 9:00-10:30.
Dec 5 th	Demo Team 10:30-11:30
Dec 5 th	BJJ seminar in b-ton with Mr. Sledd 12-4:00 pm
Dec 12 th	Leadership Team 9:00-11:00 (ish)
Dec 13 th	Master Chen Tai chi seminar in Indianapolis
Dec 15 th	Deadline to register for Winter Daycamps and ensure we have the gear or to order Xmas gifts
Dec 17 th	GMA Xmas Party, Awards Banquet, and Dance: 5:30-9:00. Morgan Co Fairgrounds. No class
Dec 19 th	HKD black belt class 9:00-11:00
Dec 19 th	TKD black belt stripe test/class 11:00-12:30
Dec 19 th	Stickfighting 1:30-4:00
Dec 24-28	NO CLASS—Happy Holiday (see below)
Dec 29 th	Winter Weapons daycamp: Tai Chi staff form 9:00-3:00
Dec 30 th	Winter Daycamp: Tweener FAST EXTRAV: 9:00-3:00
Dec 31 st -Jan 1	No CLASS

Xmas Party, Dance and Awards Banquet

This years Christmas party/awards banquet and dance has been scheduled for Dec 17th at the Morgan County Fairgrounds. Arrival and set up will be from 5:30-6:00. The dinner and awards banquet will begin at 6:00. Following the awards, Santa will make an appearance and there will be a DJ for a dance that will continue till 8:30 or 9:00 pm. This is a chance to join in some fellowship, recognize some key students and parents, and give Santa any last minute list revisions. Signs ups for the pitch in dinner will be posted soon. We also need a very close idea of people attending for seating arrangements. No classes will meet that Thurs. We hope everyone will be able to share in our annual event.

Winter Camps Coming Up Fast

Rather than having the kids sitting around stuffing themselves with candy, we take the vacation time to offer something special. Don't forget you can also make it a X-mas present. Camp price includes lunch and all the weapons or gear needed for the seminar and you can put the gear under the tree! Deadline to register to ensure the gear is here for the camp is Dec 15th.

Winter Weapons camp, Dec 29th. This years camp covers the two person Tai Chi staff form with guest instructor Marc Marshall. As always, cost includes the staff and lunch.

FAST Tweener Extrav, Dec 30th. Designed for more the 5th-10th grades, this FAST is designed for advanced training for those not old enough for the adult version but past the "stranger danger" class. This the first time one like this has ever been held and is offered by request. Advanced scenarios (like school shootings) will be done. As a camp, there will still be time for lunch and dodgepad.

And the NOMINEES are:

This year we are announcing those students who are nominated for our yearly awards:

Student of the year: Jon Speer, Annabelle Cleary, Rebekah Wiley, Morgan Williams

Black Belt of the year: Noah Wilson, Jake Waltz, Noah Lambert-Adams, Greg Hamilton, Jeremiah Deckard

Most Improved Student: Luke Wilson, Bobby Brouse, Marshall Leitz, Brayden Fraker

Competitor of the year (BJJ): Doug Bailey, Josh Britt, Dan Wiggins

Competitor of the year (TKD): Malana Harmon, Haley Sieg, Annabelle Cleary, Noah Lambert Adams (honorable)

Training Anniversaries

AJ Bottorff (TKD 3 yrs)

Doug Bailey (BJJ 3 yrs)

Angela Fields (TKD 1 yr)

Chance White (LD 1 yr)

Quotes of the Week: We will continue placing our focus on the focus points and focus in general



GMA Wishes a Happy Birthday to:

John Mosby 12/01	Elijah Roberson 12/2	Clayton Smith 12/03
Austin Brummett 12/03	Cole Burgess 12/7	Richie Long 12/07
Ian White 12/9	Collyn Dodge 12/12	Kyler Chylaszek 12/12
Frankie Williams 12/14	Hayley Joslin 12/14	Chance White 12/15
Joe Reynolds 12/17	Christian Marion 12/18	Don Roach 12/23
Carl Underwood 12/26	Mrs. Yoshida 12/26	Trinity Britton 12/27
Cheyenne Taylor 12/31		

Please Plan ahead for Xmas Items

If you have any last minute Christmas shopping to do (don't we all) or need that stocking stuffer or whatever, just a reminder to please plan ahead. Many of our suppliers go out of stock of seasonal items and we want to make sure we minimize the delays in getting any special orders to you! *The last day to order Xmas items to ensure shipping (assuming availability) is Dec. 15th.*

Give another person the chance to “be more” this Christmas

Don't forget that you can get a gift certificate for a uniform and month of classes –100.00 value, for only a 25.00 cost to you (BJJ uniforms more). If you know anyone who has ever “thought about” doing martial arts, or if there is someone you know who “this would be good for”, this is your chance to get them off the fence and really reaping the benefits of training.

Parent Committee news:

- Please sign up for the Xmas party—also please consider helping set up at the fairgrounds during the day.
- There will be a meeting on Dec 4th at 6:30.
- We will discuss the upcoming year and the election of new officers. The parents will nominate officers as a whole, not just those who are on parent committee. There will be a box placed on the half-wall for those nominations to be placed in. The nominations may be made through the end of the year.

Congrats to

- Congrats to our latest lil dragon graduate: Luke Wilson
- Congrats to those some of the guys who train BJJ with us who recently won MMA matches in Jamaica: Chris McDonald, Doug Sparks and Luke Taylor

Class Cancellations for Holidays, class adjustments, and general policies

- No class on Thurs Dec 17th on account of the Christmas party...see you there.
- Holiday class cancellations: No class on Thurs Dec 24 through Mon Dec 28th on account of Xmas. Classes resume Tues, December 29 and run through that Wed Dec 30th. (Evening classes in addition to the camps) No class on Thurs. Dec 31st or Jan 1st. Classes resume on regular schedule Mon. Jan. 4th (Sat Jan 2nd might also have special classes)
- Also a reminder of our general policy regarding bad weather. We try to follow the lead of local schools—if they cancel school that day, cancel evening events or let out early, so do we. If on morning delay, we will meet as normal (tai chi in the morning will follow the 2 hr delay). This applies to universal problems such as snow and ice, not things like flooding or other issues that may be more regionalized. The only exception to this may occur when the school cancels in advance of a huge storm and the forecast is *clearly* off. When in doubt, simply call, check the website, check your email for announcements, listen to WCBK, etc.
- Yoga Classes are closed the same days at the school. Additionally, Saturday classes will not meet this month, and there will be no class Dec 30th on account of the FAST extrav.

As a Christmas present to all my students and their parents, I am not writing a rant this month. Merry Christmas!—BLS (the holiday spirit will be over in Jan)