



GMA NEWS

November

Upcoming events:

Nov 6 th	USHF fall seminar--Bloomington 9:00-5:00
Nov 13 th	Holiday sale 8:00-11:00
Nov 13 th	Tai Chi fieldtrip to IU club 9:00-12:00
Nov 13 th	Professor Caique BJJ seminar at IU 12:00-3:00
Nov 20 th	Holiday sale 8:00-11:00
Nov 20 th	TTCA black belt ceremony in Louisville 1:00 pm
Nov 24-26	No class—Happy Thanksgiving
Dec 3 rd	TTCA testing 5:30
Dec 4 th	FAST adult basics class 9:00-12:30
Dec 4 th	BJJ workshop with Mr. Sledd, B-ton 2-4
Dec 11 th	Leadership team 9:00-11:00
Dec 11 th	TKD black belt prep class 11:00-12:30
Dec 12 th	Master Chen Tai Chi seminar, Indianapolis
Dec 22 nd	Winter Camp: FAST KIDS EXTRAVAGANZA 9:00-3:00
Dec 28 th	Winter Weapons daycamp 9:00-3:00
Dec 30 th	Winter camp: Stage/Movie combat workshop 9:00-3:00

Congrats to some big promotions

- **TKD black belt testing.** Congrats to our newest dan promotions in TKD. Mr. Gryffyn Wren (1st dan) Mr. Jake Waltz (2nd dan), Mr. Ryan Jerome (2nd dan), Mr. Noah Wilson (2nd dan), Mr. Noah Lambert Adams (2nd dan), Mr. David Yoshida (4th dan).
- A belated congrats to our most recent Lil Dragon graduate (in Aug), Kyler Chylaszek
- At the BOE meeting after the recent USHF seminar, Mr. Miller was promoted to 4th dan and Mr. Sieg was promoted to 5th dan in the USHF.

Holiday Sale set for Nov 13/20th Get a jump on your holiday shopping with our annual holiday sale. Use the gift giving season to get them some necessities that they need anyway- like new sparring gear or uniforms, some extra training gear that will help them practice at home, or splurge on some fun seasonal items for their room that will help reinforce that they are part of a positive, powerful martial arts lifestyle. Our annual holiday sales will be Nov 13th and 20th from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. This gives you a chance to come to school and shop without the kids, so it can be a true surprise for them. There will be special sales for that day as well. Catalogs and ideas are also available now so you can maybe research what your kids like and want.

Additions to our Team

We would like to welcome Mr. Jake Waltz and Mr. Gabe Wilson who will be joining Miss Wiley on our team of official assistant instructors. Both tested for their second degree black belt this fall and have been training in our leadership team for years.

Holiday Class Cancellations:

No classes on Wed, Nov 24th, Thanksgiving (25th) or Friday Nov 26th. Classes will resume as normal the following Monday. Have a happy Bird-day!

Winter Camps set

This year we will be doing another winter weapons camp during the holiday season. 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. Sign up at the front desk.



Winter Weapons Camp: Cane. This year we are going back to one of our favorite weapons and a signature craft of Hapkido....the cane. It truly is one of the most versatile weapons out there, and one you are allowed not only allowed to carry, but it even protected by the American Disabilities Act. Camp is Dec 28th from 9:00-3:00.

Our other camp this year is going to be a **childrens FAST extrav.** Handling more bullies and fights, school shootings, or kidnappings. It is still a camp with lunch provided and some dodgepad time, but some of the most cutting edge self defense with special scenarios for your child. Dec 22nd

Stage/Movie combat camp: What looks good on stage or the screen isn't necessarily the same thing as real martial arts, but how do they make it look so real? Mr. Yoshida, who has done martial arts movies and fight choreography, will be leading the movie combat workshop. Camp will finish with choreographed group fight scenes, and in Jan. we will have a movie night to show off our new stuntmen. It will be fun for everyone, but will be especially helpful for demo team. Dec 30th will be the camp; red carpet premier will follow next year.

GMA Wishes a Happy Birthday to:

Justin Roberts	11-03	William Wells	11-5	Olivia Edens	(11-13)
Emily Bryant	11-18	Delanie Lamar	11-18	Karl Russell	(11-22)
Jason Lamb	11-22	Liam Kidwell	11-23		

Training Anniversaries

Special Congrats to those who started with us a year or multiple years ago.

Austin Brummett	(TKD 6 yrs)	Morgan Williams (TKD 3 yrs)	William Wells (TKD/LD 3yrs)
Marshall Leitz	(BJJ 2 yrs)	Branden Mason (BJJ 1 yr)	Jayden Brooks (TKD 1 yr)
Madison Francis	(TKD 1 yr)	Luke Gamble (LD 1 yr)	Aleah Spires (TKD 1 yr)

Special recognition to our families:

In addition to Thanksgiving, November happens to be family appreciation month, so we at GMA would like to do both—a special thanks to our families. Of course, we like to think of all of GMA as a family, and we have several pairs of siblings in the classes, but we would like to point out those families that actually need our family discount or those families with more than one generation involved....Perhaps someone else in your family is ready to try it out?

Bobby Brouse (TKD), Shae Brouse (TKD) Trae Brouse (TKD),
Mike Dodge (HKD, BJJ), Collyn Dodge (TKD, BJJ)
Greg (TKD, HKD, BJJ), Jared Hamilton (HKD, TKD,) and Alex Hamilton (TKD, HKD)
Noah and Gabe Wilson (TKD, BJJ), Nate and Luke Wilson (TKD)
Morgan Williams (TKD, HKD, BJJ) and Frankie Williams (Tai chi)
Sammy Petraits (TKD) and Cathy Petraits (Tai Chi)
Michelle Kissinger (TKD) and Laura Kissinger (Tai Chi)
Brandi and Roarke Ireland and Quinn Purtee (TKD)
Bryan Neal (BJJ), Zada Neal (TKD), Seth Neal (LD) and Sydnee Twardoski (TKD)
Jon and Zac Speer (TKD)
Nathan (BJJ) and Melissa Payne (HKD)
Jesse (TKD), Sabrina (TKD), Christian (HKD) and Michael Chouinard (HKD)
Don and Isaiah Roach (TKD)
Elijah (TKD), Erich Klippel (TKD) and Lise Roberson (HKD)
Aleah, Dominic, Keegan, Amanda and Ryan Spires (TKD)
Ava and Olivia Polster (LD) and Mike Polster (HKD)
Delanie and Logan Lamar (LD), Levi Lamar (TKD) Kevin Russell (LD) and William Eirhart (TKD)
Mr. and Mrs. Yoshida and Kylie (LD)
Mr. Sieg and Haley (TKD) and Donovan (LD)



Special Thanks for Fall Foliage and beyond.

Thanks to all the demo team and parade marchers for making a great fall foliage.

Special thanks to all who helped with the parade...especially Greg Hamilton for providing the truck/trailer, and Joy Behling for manning the booth during the parade, Melissa Payne on misting duty, and all the parents who helped on the float.

Special thanks to all the parents committee and all the parents who helped organize, decorate, or worked the school Halloween party!

Thanks for everyone’s support of the parents’ committee cookie dough fundraiser.

Our school wouldn’t be able to be the place that it is without the support of our students and parents. These recent events really demonstrate just how caring of a group we have, and we appreciate everyone’s willingness to contribute in order to make GMA a family.

Tournament notes

TTCA: Altogether our team of 32 competitors brought home 50 trophies—25 forms and 25 sparring. Some divisions were quite full, some were light, but we are proud of everyone’s performance. Congrats to those who placed (we apologize but let us know if there are any errors):

Jake Waltz	2 nd form	1 st sparring	Megan Volyes	1 st forms	4 th sparring
Annabelle Cleary	1 st forms	1 st sparring	Gabe Wilson	1 st forms	3 rd sparring
Noah Wilson	1 st forms	1 st sparring	Alex Herman	2 nd forms	3 rd sparring
Noah Lambert Adams	4 th forms	4 th sparring	Ryan Spires	4 th forms	3 rd sparring
Keegan Spires	1 st forms	2 nd sparring	Dominc Spires	2 nd forms	
Aleah Spires	3 rd forms		Morgan Williams		2 nd sparring
Drew Bergren	1 st forms	1 st sparring	Brandi Ireland	2 nd forms	1 st sparring
Roarke Ireland	2 nd forms		Jonny Harmon	1 st form	3 rd sparring
Ryan Jerome		2 nd sparring	Kaitlyn Nolan		3 rd sparring
Ethan Minton	2 nd forms	3 rd sparring	Dominic Tejera	2 nd forms	1 st sparring
Don Roach	3 rd forms	3 rd sparring	Isaiah Roach	2 nd forms	
Carl Underwood		4 th sparring	Haley Sieg	1 st forms	3 rd sparring
Avery Archer	1 st forms	1 st sparring	Candy Liu	1 st forms	1 st sparring
Sammy Yin	1 st forms	3 rd sparring	David Yoshida	3 rd forms	2 nd sparring
Luke Wilson	4 th forms	3 rd sparring			

Michigan Open: Team Gentry/small axe brought home 8 medals from a top BJJ tournament in Detroit. Those that medaled are

Mr. Sledd	1 st	Doug Bailey	1 st	Dalton Leitz	1 st
Mr. Sieg	2 nd	Mr. Yoshida	2 nd	Marshall Leitz	2 nd
Colton Lynn	3 rd	Jake Waltz	3 rd		

Quotes of the Week

It has been a while since we have revisited the focus points, and some of our newer students need to learn the importance of these traits to success.

FACEBOOK Matters

First, a reminder to join our group on facebook for additional info, announcements, etc. Second, if you post pics and videos from martial arts related events, please also put them on the GMA page, so everyone from the school can enjoy.



FAMILY TIES

We certainly have tried to make GMA a family friendly place, and more importantly GMA is a family itself. With it being family appreciation month and us recognizing our families, I thought I would share a neat thing that is occurring at Gentry involving our extended family. Mrs. Yoshida and I certainly had our own extended family and group of friends at Ohio Valley TKD growing up. One girl about our age was Laura. She trained with us, all the kids our age hung out together before and after class and socially...just like our Gentry kids do now. (As an aside, it is really gratifying to see everyone come together at the social events like the Halloween party. It was equally fun hearing the kids interact as I took 6 of them down to the GM Park seminar--well, maybe fun isn't the right word, but anyway.) Back in the day, I am pretty sure Laura and I even went on some double dates (with other people). A while back Laura found me on facebook; it was a welcome reunion. This summer her son Kyle started TKD with us, and he is now working hard in yellow belt class. They travel from Plainfield. She had looked around at other schools closer to home, but none had the same quality/experience that she grew up with in the TTCA.

It has been a neat reunion. More recently, Laura saw Mrs. Yoshida at testing. In the years gone by, I guess I forgot that blonde hair blue eyed Mandy didn't always have the last name YOSHIDA (duh), and forgot to tell Laura. Laura had only heard of Mrs. Yoshida, and didn't realize it was "Mandy" until she saw her at testing. I can't help but smile that GMA is now a family reunion of sorts for us. Just as when I, Mandy, and Laura trained together, now the three of us have children training together as well! When we started GMA, I certainly wasn't thinking ahead to the time when the next generation of students would be training together, but it has been a blessing to watch.

I am grateful that we have managed to have such stability that little siblings can grow up and start taking the same classes that the older brother or sister took. We have been around long enough that we are now getting calls from parents whose first kids are grown up, but they are ready to bring their next kid back to us. Some places are family friendly, and some places truly are family. It makes those family "reunions", even when it has been a while, all the better. ---BLS