



ELORA GORGE KARATE DOJO

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October Newsletter

Welcome to new Students. You have taken the toughest first step. We wish you all well as you walk down the Martial Arts Path.

Visit from Akihito Sensei!

On September 13th we were honoured with a visit and seminars with Sensei Akihito Yagi. Thank you to all who came out to participate; it was an evening filled with wonderful information and great training.

Thanksgiving Weekend and other Fall Holidays

The Dojo will be closed for Thanksgiving weekend from Friday October 11th through Monday October 14th. Classes will resume on Tuesday October 15th at regular times. The Dojo will also be closed Thursday October 31st for Halloween, as well as Monday November 11th for Remembrance Day.

Monster March and our Komainu

You may have noticed our dojo Dog "Komainu" he is part of local Artist Tim Murton's Twilight Zoo. We are proud to be participating in the Twilight Zoo and Monster March this year. The Monster March will take place on Saturday October 19th. We will meet at the Dojo at 6:00pm, please wear a costume, if you wish to be a Karate zombie, please wear an old GI (without crest) and make-up if you wish.

Tournament

This year Sensei Ken from Budokan Karate Brantford will once again be hosting a TOURNAMENT ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2nd, 2013. The cost is \$40 for one event or \$45 for multiple events. This year the tournament will be held at the Branlyn Community Centre, 238 Brantwood Park Road, Brantford, Ontario. I am encouraging all students to participate in 2 events, Kata and Kobudo (Weapons). This is a great chance to show your skills, and it an important part of training towards your next belt. Students from WHITE BELT to BLACK BELT are expected to both attend and participate. We will be running through Kata in class in preparation for tournament. Pre-registration is required for this event so please do so by Thursday October 24th, forms will be available at the Dojo. Spectator fees are \$2 for those under 9 yrs old and \$5 for 9 yrs old and up.

Saturday Regular and Weapons Classes

Saturday all belt class runs from 10:00-10:45am, and is a great opportunity to go over Kata and other skills. In addition Weapons classes are offered after the regular classes, all students Yellow Belt and up are encouraged to come out on Saturday mornings at 10:45am to learn weapons. Please note there are no Saturday classes on Holiday weekends.

Website

For information about what's new and what's happening when, please see our website, or visit us on Facebook.

Finally, I look forward to a great Fall of Training and learning from each other.

Thank you,

Sensei Bill Stimpson