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Spring Newsletter

I hope you all had a safe and happy Easter weekend. We can only keep fingers crossed that the nicer weather will arrive soon. We at the dojo are looking forward to training in the park. This means students are asked to bring appropriate footwear, i.e. running shoes.

The dojo is pleased to announce that we are no longer using plastic water bottles. Students are asked to bring a refillable water bottle if they wish water. We have a pitcher of filtered water in the fridge that students can fill from up at no cost. We also ask that people be responsible in not leaving their bottles behind.

Tournament

This year due to our Okinawa trip, we did not host our yearly Shia event. Renshi Mark Matthews from the Guelph Budokan is hosting a Spring Shia. The term Shia is Japanese for tournament. I am encouraging all students to attend. The date is Saturday May 25th, at 10:30. The opening ceremony is set for 11:30 am. Cost for the event for students is \$50.00 if you register before May 15, or \$60.00 at the door. This is for 1, 2 or 3 events. Most of our guys and gals will be able to do 1 or 2 events at least. The events will be Kata as we do in class, and weapons that we will be practicing in class. There will be a small fee for spectators also. As we obtain more information, we will have it posted in the dojo. These events are an excellent way for students to learn to practice and to focus energy in a positive way. I look forward to helping students prepare. This also helps them work toward their next belt level.

Spring Grading

As we creep slowly toward June and the school year end, we approach testing for next levels. This is a fun time. Not all students will test. Starting dates can determine if a student is ready. How well they participate in class, and my judgement are all factors. Children will be told if they are ready to grade, and their grading will be done in class. The other students are also being looked at as well as the grader, during the grading. Attention, sitting quietly, and listening are all important aspects of the grading procedure as a whole. The grading fees will be posted in the dojo during the first week of June.

Belt Presentation & BBQ

Our annual belt presentation and wrap up barbeque will be later in June. Look for more info to follow. Summer class schedules will also be made available in June.

If you have any questions, please stop by or call the Dojo 519.846.9002, friend us on Facebook www.facebook.com/gorgekaratedojo or visit our website www.gorgekarate.com.

Domo Arigato,
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