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February Newsletter

February is Heart Month, what better activity for the Heart than Karate!?

We would like to welcome a number of new students who have started their training in January. All students are reminded to tell a friend about us. Parents as well are welcome to come out and give us a try, TWO WEEKS FREE ANYTIME throughout the year.

The middle of February is Family Day, Monday February 20th. The Dojo will be closed for the long weekend Feb 17th through 20th.

Okinawa Bound!

At the end of February a small group of us will be travelling to Okinawa, Japan – the birthplace of Karate. We will be taking part in the Dai Sensei Meitoku Yagi 100th Anniversary Ceremonial Event – commemorating the birth of IMGKA Grand Master Meitoku YAGI, the founder of the Meibukan. He was the successor to Sensei Chojun Miyagi, who was the founder of Okinawa Traditional Karate-do Goju-ryu. We will be participating in training seminars, the Tournament, demonstrations and visiting the Yagi Family Haka (grave).

Gorge Karate classes will continue at their regularly scheduled times while we are away. Remember to check out our website to follow our travels. I would like to thank Sempai Dave Lyons and Sempai Jim Kurtz, as well as all other black belts for your help in running classes as we pay our respects to our history and further our training.

March Break Camp

The Dojo will be offering a Day Camp over March Break. A fun filled Karate/Exercise program for students. Camp will run from 8:30 till 12:00 Noon Mon-Fri. Students are asked to bring their Gi, a comfortable change of clothes to exercise in and indoor running shoes, a healthy snack and water bottle. Friday we will have a special Pizza lunch and Movie so pick-up on Friday will be at 12:30pm. The cost of Camp is \$50 per student and tax deductible so remember to ask for a receipt. Please see Sensei Bill to register ASAP.

Hoodies - If you ordered a hoodie, our order has been placed and should be in very soon. Thanks for your patience.

Finally, we will also be running a Summer Camp this year in mid July, more details will follow in an upcoming Newsletter.

We will be keeping you informed of coming events as well as posting on our new website www.gorgekarate.com

Thank you,

Sensei Bill Stimpson