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Sharkey's Karate Studio's Newsletter October 2005

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In the News

Back to school party

This year's Back to School Part was probably the biggest yet. We estimated between 40—60 students, friends and family out on the mat enjoying themselves.

This year Sensei Chris Brewster, with the help of Sensei Brendon, Sensei Ty, Brian and Jake, entertained the kids with a round of "Sensei Says..", kicking and punching drills as well as some forms to play with.

Kids also had a great time as they were able to practice some of their moves on our very own Sensei Brendon, who donned the red padded armor for their kicking pleasure.

Eventually Sensei Chris had to rescue Sensei Brendon from the huge dog-pile of kids that over took him and brought him down. The evening ended with a awesome demonstration from student in the Lil' Sharks class, kids' class, members of Team Sharkey and members of Team AKA. We would like to thank everyone who came out to participate.



41st Annual AKA Grands is just around the corner

It's that time of year when we get geared up the host the AKA Grand Nationals tournament. October 28th and 29th we will be running one of the oldest open martial art tournaments in the United States. Like last year, this event will be held in the beautiful Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Rosemont, Illinois. Those wishing to reserve a room for that tournament weekend can get a special rate by calling 1-847-696-1234 and mentioning that you are participating in the AKA Grand Nationals.

This year's event is set to be one of the best ones ever as we will be sanctioned as a NASKA 4A event. NASKA (North American Sport Karate Association) is one of the most prestigious sport Karate circuits around which features some of the top competitors in the US, and the world today. Don't miss this great event. You can pre-register now at www.akagrands.com. Register by October 14th for pre-registration prices.



We are also looking for volunteers to help with working in the registration desk this year as well as time keepers and score keepers. Those wishing to help out can see Sensei Jeremy for more details or sign up at the pro-shop.

Sideswipe performance a hit

It was a beautiful evening on September 3rd as the crew of Sideswipe and Sideswipe kids took to the stage for 4 outstanding performances at the Wolf's Toyota of Naperville. Along with the B-96 radio station, the guys and girls of Sideswipe had the crowd up on their feet and having a good time as they watched them punch kick and flip through a variety of choreographed demonstrations.

This live performance was made possible by Dan Wolf of Wolf's Toyota of Naperville who was sponsoring the group for a special Scion Toyota promotion. For those interested, there are still some free promotional t-shirts available from the event at the pro-shop. Thanks to everyone who helped out at the demonstration.

Private Lessons

For those students wishing to sign up for private lessons, there will be a sign up sheet at the pro-shop. Private lessons can cover such topics like working on requirements for your next belt to getting ready for a tournament. Contact a staff member for more details.



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Adult classes to feature sparring

Beginning in November, we will be including sparring in the adult curriculum. The curriculum will include different sparring drills as well as actual sparring matches. There will be mandatory sparring equipment which includes; head gear, hand gear, foot gear, mouth piece, and groin cup (for men). Optional items can include rib guards, shin guards, chest guards and face mask. All gear can be purchased separately or, through the month of October, we will be having a special sparring package deal which includes head gear, foot gear, hand pads, single mouth piece, mouth piece holder and a tote bag, all for a discounted price at the pro-shop. See Sensei Jeremy for more details.



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This pass is good for 2 free introductory lessons.

Weapons to be brought back into kids curriculum

Beginning in November we will be re-implementing weapons training into the kids' classes. All kids, who are of proper rank, will need to purchase their own weapons to participate. Weapons may be purchased at pro-shop.

October Birthdays



Happy Birthday everyone!