

Task Karate

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The Journey of One Thousand Miles...

Thanks for being a part of Task Karate! I believe that this first step, the opening of our school, is the beginning of something great! Just like a journey of one thousand miles however, it is going to take some time, and a lot of work. Thanks for your patience as I put it all together.

Special Thanks

Without the support of all of you, and the confidence that you have in me, we would never be able to be at this point. I want to give a special thanks to Jay Smith for all the technical support he has given me, as well as the personal encouragement. Thanks to Pam Kaiser for her encouragement (she wanted to be the first one to sign up!) and her help with the bookwork. Also thanks to Janelle Parcher for the wonderful painting that she arranged to get done, and for spreading the word about Task Karate. And a special thanks to the Hamamoto's, the family that has probably been with me the longest, and for all the support that they have given me. (They wanted to be the first to sign up too!) Thanks to all my students, you are all very special and important to me.

Schedule

The schedule seems to be working out pretty good. I will keep an eye out for any problems. Please let me know of any concerns. Please make the following change to your schedule. Thursday 4 to 4:45 all advanced kids class, followed by sparring until 5:30. I will hold an extra help class for Brown Belts from 5:30 until 6. That will make it a little less confusing for everyone on Thursdays. I would also like to change the Lil' Dragons class to 1:15 on Saturdays and move the Bo class to the last time slot, at 2:00. That way we can meet at the park occasionally for the Bo class!

Agreements and Payment Coupons

Please take a moment to fill out an agreement if you have not done so yet. I also have payment reminder coupons to help keep track of tuition payments. Catch me between classes to sign your agreement and get your payment coupons. Thanks.

T-Shirts

The first batch of T-shirts should arrive any day now! They have the Oval Task Karate Logo, with the Journey of a thousand miles... saying on them. Get one while they are hot and we still have your size! Only \$12 each! Reserve one in your size today!

Hikes

I have several hikes planned for June. The first two will be at the “Experimental Forest” near Barre Mills. Saturday the 7th, meet by Famous Dave’s Kitty corner from Valley View Mall, at 3:30. We can car pool and drive to the forest from there. It will be about a 30 minute, easy hike. Plan for 10 to 15 minutes drive time each way. On Sunday the 8th, meet at the same place, (Famous Dave’s) at 9 am. This will be a much more challenging hike, about 1 ½ hours or so in length, with a rugged uphill climb! Please wear sturdy shoes, not sandals. You may want to bring sunscreen, bug spray and a water bottle. Any student, family members, or friends are welcome to come! (Especially Brown Belts!)

On Sunday, June 15th, (Fathers Day) we will meet in the Hixon Forest parking lot (not the Nature center) at 6 pm, for a sunset hike up to Look out point. It’s about 1 ½ miles to the top, again, a challenging climb. Bring your camera!

Looking ahead to July

We will be closed Friday July 4th. On Saturday, July 5th, all students and families are encouraged to attend the Chileda Classic held near Riverside Park. If you have never been to a race like this, it is VERY EXCITING! There is a 3.1 mile run/walk, as well as a 6.2 mile run/walk and a shorter kids race, (12 and under) around Riverside Park. Watch the school for more information. There will be no regular classes that day, but I will have some special classes in the afternoon. From 2 until 2:45, Kids, all levels (including Dragons), and from 2:45 until 3:30 Adults, all levels. Special no uniform class!

I will also be closed July 23rd through the 26th for my eighth annual trip to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

Membership Benefits

I want to add value to your membership at our school. For May, all members will receive a valuable coupon from T-Jo’s pizza. The member special for June comes from Janelle down the block at The Consignment Boutique, 1824 George St. They specialize in new/used women’s clothing, and will give 10% off your total purchase, if you mention Task Karate. Please let me know if your business would like to offer something to Task Karate members, or if you have any other ideas to add value to our membership.

Spread the Word

Please grab some passes which are good for a two week trial membership, and give them to any friends that may be interested in giving Karate a try! Your referrals are the best way for our school to grow! Thanks again for your support!