



# March Newsletter

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## Annual Event Schedule

- Spring Color Belt Testing, Sat, 3/16, 1-5 pm
- Masters Clinic 3/21-23, Alabama
- Regionals, Chicagoland, April 19-21, Schaumburg Convention Center
- Leadership workout, 5/11, TBK, 1:30-4
- Summer Color Belt Testing, Sat, 6/15, 1-5 pm
- World Championships, July 11-13, Greensboro, NC
- Black Belt Camp, TBD, 8/10-11, Sparta Dome, Crown Point, IN
- Leadership workout, 9/7, Wave Martial Arts, 1:30-4
- Fall Color Belt Testing, Sat, 9/14, 1-5 pm
- Fall Extravaganza, Chula Vista WI, 10/4-6
- Leadership workout, 11/9, TBK, 1:30-4
- Winter Color Belt Testing, Sat, 12/14, 1-5 pm

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, or if you plan to be absent.

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## Pop-tab Collection

Ronald McDonald House Charities: I would love to keep up our contribution! Thank you to all who continue to support these efforts. Elmhurst is no longer in the lead. Let's see if we can turn that around.

## Class Shifts

Some students will be shifting in classes as we try to address their needs and class size constraints. We will try to inform parents as soon as we can for any changes.

## Regionals coming 4/19-21

Regionals is upcoming. We will have the registration information on the website shortly. Register early to get the early discount. We hope to have most of the school participate in the event in Schaumburg! The guest Master is Grandmaster Stine.

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## Karate Planning (Read)

As a color belt, it is important to map out your path to Black Belt. You should mark your calendar for March 16<sup>th</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup>, Sept 14<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>. Plan on testing either in March or June for your next belt. If you don't test in March it is essential that you test in June. Parents please consider this in your summer vacation plans.

If you are approaching black belt (red and above), you should plan attending the following events:  
Regional Championships (IL) 4/20  
World Championships (NC) 7/11-12  
Dan Camp (ITBD) 8/11  
Midwest Extravaganza (WI) 10/5

If you prioritize attending these events year after year, you will realize one day it has become a way of life.

## Uniform Requirements

There have been issues with uniform wear overall. No hoodies or collared shirts should be worn under the uniform. Girls, no skirts/dress may extend past the uniform top. Students may wear uniform pants to and from the building, but uniform tops and belts should be taken off and stored in a bag after class. Also, **no jewelry of any kind** should be worn in classes, including friendship bracelets, FitBits, and earrings.

## Timeliness

As schedules change and the school year gears up to begin again, we would like to discuss the importance of timeliness to your child's success in karate. While we appreciate how hectic it can be to get a child to karate, we encourage you to bring your child to class 10-15 min. early. Children often need time to transition into an activity. That time helps them get into sync with the pace of class. Students that arrive after class has started tend to be self-conscious about it, diminishing their enjoyment of class. Occasionally students which arrive late are disruptive to the class, which impairs the learning of all the students.

In order for your child to get the most out of class, please try to make sure that students arrive well before class time starts and that little ones have used the bathroom before as well. Thank you.

## Blue and Black Belt Summer Planning

To all current black belts, blue belts, and advanced red belts: Please note the date of Dan Camp. Many of you have talked about other events that conflict with the camp. Realize that missing camp may mean not being able to test for lower belts, or adding another year until you next test for black belts. Make Black Belt Camp a priority.

If you are unable to attend you can ask to attend camp in a different region.

6/1- Mexico

6/8- Region 8 Youth Camp

6/21 Region 1 OR

6/22- Region 8 PA Adult Camp