



AJK Monthly E-newsletter

May 2025

“New month, new intentions, new goals,
new love, new light, and new beginnings”

— A.M. Monterrosa

Athlete Development

The school year may be wrapping up, yet we are gearing up for an exciting and fun summer! We are grateful to celebrate 21 years of TKD Summer Camp! Please visit www.AJKTKD.com or click [HERE](#) for information and details. Click [HERE](#) for 2025 Summer Program Pricing and Waiver Form. Please join us July 28 through August 1 on the Carden Hall Campus. We plan to have an extremely fun week packed with punches, drills, and thrills! If you register by Friday, May 31, you will receive a 10% discount off one student. Should our camp week fall outside of your schedule, please email us and we shall work with you privately to keep your child's training on track. Since 2001, we have been inspiring athletes to achieve greater success mentally and physically. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to furthering our mission to inspire and motivate our young athletes of tomorrow through positive antidotes and specialized training activities.

Mark Your Calendars

Our next exam week will be held May 12th during regularly scheduled classes. This year, we will be hosting our second annual TKD Demonstration Extravaganza on Friday, May 23rd from 3:30 to 5:00. This demonstration will highlight athletes' TKD skills in forms, sparring, nunchaku, board breaking and more. This event also includes the final ceremony for our black belt candidates (Details to follow).

- Black Belt Development (BBD) Classes and Black Belt Phase Testing:
 - Wednesday, May 14th (Phase One)
 - Friday, May 16th (Phase Two)
 - Friday, May 23rd (Final Phase and AJK's TKD Demo Extravaganza)
- Exam Week Schedule:
 - May 12th, 13th, & 15th (Red and up testing will be held on Friday, 5/16.)
 - Friday, May 23rd AJK's Second Annual TKD Demonstration Extravaganza
- Watermelon Week:
 - Tuesday, May 27th – Friday, May 30th
 - Let's have some fun and celebrate all our successes with a week-long of games, prizes, and watermelon!

News and Updates

For athletes' green belt or higher, we shall begin our nunchaku practice. This additional mental and physical strength training comes with responsibility. A “nunchaku” is a traditional martial arts tool consisting of two rods or sticks connected at one end by a short chain or rope. The practice tool we use is padded and all athletes will be required to respect our code of conduct when practicing the nunchaku:

“I shall practice in a safe area that my Taekwondo coach or parent(s) approve, and I shall never use my nunchaku in a way that is inappropriate, unkind, or destructive. If I break this code of conduct, my TKD rank of green or higher may be held by my TKD coach indefinitely or until I have proven to be trusted in upholding this code of conduct.”

This *optional* training is not required, yet we request that parents help us to uphold this policy. If you are interested in purchasing a pair of nunchaku, the cost is \$20.

When an athlete holds a level of high green belt or higher and is in their fifth-grade year or higher, he/she has the opportunity to join the S.T.O.R.M. (Special Team Of Role Models) program. During regular class, these leaders will be asked to demonstrate their skills at the head of the class while directing, supporting, encouraging, and learning their own material. If an athlete elects to join this program, he/she will be given a S.T.O.R.M. patch to wear on their uniform. There are four levels of S.T.O.R.M. Ranked as follows:

Level One consistently encourages, supports, and displays good knowledge and skills.

Level Two consistently encourages, supports, displays good knowledge and skills while role- modeling the six tenants of black belt: modesty, courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control, and indomitable spirit.

Level Three instructs a group of students with specific material on their own.

Level Four, if all the above accomplishments are met and carried through well, parents are the sole authority if a S.T.O.R.M. member achieves level four. A role-model of this level needs to demonstrate the above three levels outside of their regular practice. A role-model is someone who consistently displays the above characteristics in their community.

*Note: S.T.O.R.M. patches and levels will be issued during promotion exams. There is no charge for this program.

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