

Blue Mountain Martial Arts

Newsletter

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NEWS

- **INCENTIVE PROGRAM!** The incentive program is still in effect and will be available year-round! We feel that it is the least that we can do; we want to thank you for helping to bring new students to the school! Please take some of our blue passes and write your last name, initials, etc on the back. For each person that you refer that takes a \$20.00 Trial Month, you will receive \$5.00 off of your next month's tuition! For each person that signs a 12-month contract, you will receive \$20.00 off of your next month's tuition! Please let us know if you would like some blue passes to hand out to your friends and neighbors!
- **DRESS CODE! PLEASE REMEMBER THE DRESS CODE!!!!** When wearing a t-shirt under your school jacket please understand that is just as much a part of your uniform as your jacket or pants. For this reason all students must wear either a school t-shirt or a plain white t-shirt under their jacket. *No other t-shirts will be permitted (even if it is a solid color!).* If you are interested in purchasing a school t-shirt we do have them available in several colors. Please see Master Chris or Becky for more information!
- **FUNDRAISER!! PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS PROGRAM!!!** We still have Scratcher cards available if anyone would like to participate. Not only can the money that you raise can be used toward testing, boards, tournaments, or the annual trip to Mountain Training in Italy, but you also help local business at the same time! Please see Master Chris or Becky for more information!!!
- **WINTER WEATHER POLICY!** As the weather gets colder the threat of snow and ice are looming. Please follow these guidelines for BMMA closing due to weather: If Frederick County Public Schools are closed then BMMA will also be closed. However, if the roads are clear by early afternoon then BMMA may be open; please call (540)868-9331 to verify whether the school is open or not! Please use your discretion as we may not know the condition of all roads in the surrounding area. We want everyone to be safe and sound!
- **THANK YOU BOARD!!!!** In case you have not noticed, we have added signs to the bulletin boards to designate their zones. We have areas for Community Info (Business Cards and other Events in the area) and School Events & Info (this is where you will find information regarding events within the school, sign-up sheets, newsletters, etc). We have also added a board for people say thank you to one another (we have so many people in the school that do nice things for one another – sometimes anonymously – that we thought it would be a great way for us to publicly thank each other). Please feel free to add any info or events to the Community Board; also take a moment to add a thank you or read the notes that are posted – your name may be included!
- **USA TAEKWONDO MEMBERSHIP!** There are many benefits to having membership with USA Taekwondo. One of the best benefits is that you receive secondary liability insurance that will cover you not only when you are in our school, but also when you are participating in Tournaments and Demonstrations that are held at other venues. Membership is \$35.00 per year for individuals (annual family membership is also available: \$90.00 for three, \$115.00 for four. Each additional family member thereafter is \$25.00). USAT also offers their members affordable health insurance options! Please see Master Chris or Becky for more info; you can also visit <http://www.usa-taekwondo.us/> (click on the Membership tab to access more info on health insurance or to print membership forms) to see the full list of what additional benefits come with membership!

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- **TESTING!!!** The next opportunity to test will be on Saturday, January 16th. *COMPLETED TESTING FORMS AND PAYMENT ARE DUE BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13th!* Testing fee is \$45.00; please make checks payable to WMAC (World Martial Arts Center). Students that are testing are required to arrive no later than 12:30pm so that they can warm up prior to Grandmaster Lee's arrival at the school. Testing is scheduled to begin at 1:00pm. *DRESS CODE IS STRICTLY ENFORCED FOR TESTING! MEN AND BOYS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO WEAR T-SHIRTS UNDER THEIR JACKETS BUT LADIES ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR T-SHIRTS. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN APPROPRIATE T-SHIRT (Please see Dress Code on the previous page) AND JACKET YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO TEST!* We would like to encourage everyone to attend testing to support your fellow students! If you have not experienced testing this is a good opportunity to see what it is all about so you can be better prepared when you do test. You can wear street clothes or you can wear your uniform and bow in with the entire group and sit with those students that are testing. Please come out and show your school spirit!
- **TEACHING SEMINAR!!** Saturday, January 23rd. The purpose of this seminar is for Master Chris to give instruction to all participants on what is expected when they are teaching new techniques to other students. This is an effort to keep consistency in information and to guarantee the best possible training for all students. *THIS SEMINAR IS REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS WITH A GREEN BELT AND ABOVE; WHITE AND YELLOW BELTS HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THIS SEMINAR. There is no fee for this seminar!* If you have any questions please see Master Chris.
- **TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENT!** Mark your calendars! Grandmaster Lee's 3rd Annual Eastern Taekwondo Championship Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 17th, 2010. More information will be provided as it is made available!