

5 Rings Mixed Martial Arts & Positive Child Development 2011 Year End News Letter

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2011 was a great year for our Five Rings Family. The implementation of our Tiger Tots, & Little Dragons Programs brought us much joy and has strengthened our family ten fold. Thank you to all the parents and supporters that have help us achieve our goals this year. As we bring this year to a close, we have a huge year ahead of us. Our Goals for 2012 are going to require us to budget every minute and thought we have. The ability to reach our goals will allow us to reach out the community with positive development. We will be looking for some of our family members to help us with projects through the year. Any help is good help. We will be offering more seminars this year at the Dojo as well as other locations. Any time we offer seminar training to those outside our family, it is very helpful to have students assist & enhance the day. Seminars, fund raisers & special events will be pushed to help us reach our goals. I am not gonna let the cat out of the bag yet, however 2012 is to bring a major WOW factor of positive additions to Five Rings Mixed Martial Arts and the Centralia Community! Anybody wanting to help out please speak up. We will be looking to form 2012 project committees soon so step up and help us bust out!

“Within the confines of perimeter, lies an asset!. One can not afford the cessation of its existence! Through the trees and pines lies a road leading to the domiciling of positive Development! As an agent of transmission, I shall vehicle this journey!” - Shihan Lyle Sensei



2012 Competition Team Tryouts

On Thursday Dec. 10th 2011 at 2:00 pm, there will be a meeting for adult students and the parents of our youth students that have an interest in becoming a part of our competition team. This meeting must be attended in order to qualify for team tryouts. Our 2011 Team worked very hard and brought home our 3rd-Consecutive state championship. Team Tryouts will be held on Friday Dec. 16th at 5:00 pm and will be 2 hours long for Tiger-Tots & Lil-Dragons, and 3 Hours Long for Jr. Dragons & Adults. Competition is only a small portion of what karate is all about, and competition is not for everyone. Some of the greatest Martial Artist in the world have never competed, a while some of the greatest athletes in the world are martial artist. If you have an interest in competition, attend the meeting and find out what all the buzz is about!

Meeting 12/08/2011 5pm

Tryouts 12/16/2011 5pm

**BE SURE TO CHECK ALL DATES ON THE
DEC./JAN CALENDAR FOR IMORTANT
INFORMATION ON TESTING AND THE
ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET!**



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Billing & Tuition

It has been a struggle for the accounting process at the dojo & we need your help to simplify the process. It has always been the policy that tuition is due on the first class of each month. We have been very generous with late fees thus far, but late payments are causing issues with accounting and the banking process. We need to streamline this process so we can consistently improve the quality of our programs. There are a few things that must happen to bring the accounting process up to par.

1. All tuition statements must be returned with your payment. If you have a fear of losing your statements, we can hold them for you at the dojo once you have seen it and ask us to do so.
2. We must enforce late fees! Starting January 1st 2012, Late fees will be enforced on all tuition statements with no exceptions. There will be a \$10.00 late fee immediately imposed starting the first day after tuition due date. I know most of you have responsibly paid your tuition, however there have been some that have taken advantage of leniency.
3. There will be a \$25.00 charge for returned checks along with the \$10.00 late fee. This will bring a new Bal. That equals tuition plus \$35.00 The same will apply if our Bank refuses to accept your check.

It takes many hours behind the scenes keep the ball rolling and build the future. Much of this time is spent making multiple bank transactions that should be done all at once. Please help us streamline our efforts so we may spend our time wisely improving The Five Rings Experience.

We spent some time going back and forth about raising tuition. We have not had a tuition increase in the past three years. Although our prices are surprisingly affordable when compared to most club, child, and fitness programs, we have decided to prolong tuition increase for at least another year.

Our School just this year has finally reached the point of being self supportive and breaking even. Beginning Jan. 2012 we are going to try and supplement the cause with additional programs and outside marketing instead of raising tuition. This is a big gamble on our behalf with not knowing if our new programs will succeed. Due to economic changes and program improvements a small tuition raise will be inevitable for 2013.

What Karate Means to me!

What karate means to me has changed since I started, and yet, remains the same. This art has gained layer after layer of meaning and has evolved from just self defense into an all encompassing way of life. When I first started I wasn't even sure if I wanted to be involved in something that required half of an effort that I had to give. Throughout the past year, it has strengthen me in body and mind. For every class, every practice session is full "Oh! Yes I see it now!" I love the ongoing education and the mental concentration. In addition to learning new things and discovering new aspects of previously learned things I also relish the opportunity to do what I know over and over again; focusing on detail, how my body is moving and visualizing what I am doing. So what exactly does it mean to me? It means I have access to learning and perfecting skills which one day may save my life. The self defense and bunkai I practice in class may come to my aid on the street, but in a less dramatic sense karate is saving my life every day by giving me more energy, better health, and a way to cope with stress. Thus karate is far more than a sport or a hobby, it is a way of life.

By Molli Harvey

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**4th Annual Awards Banquet
Sat. Jan 14th 2012**

At the Moose Lodge in Centralia Il.

We will be having our 4th annual awards banquet on Saturday Jan 14th at the Moose Lodge located on route 51 south in Centralia IL. We will be having dinner at 5pm and the awards will begin at 6:30pm. The awards will be followed by a group photo of all in attendance, and photo opportunities for students and parents, as well as social time with music. We will be presenting eligible students with belt promotions and special awards, as well as awards for those who have provided unconditional support of our Five Rings Family. We will provide the main course and drinks. We are looking for volunteer side dishes. There will be a sign up sheets at the dojo starting Dec. 10th for food items and head counts for attendance. Everyone is welcome to bring friends and family members, however everyone must be preregistered by Dec. 21st 2011. We must have a total R.S.V.P. head count to prepare the banquet.

**FOOD – AWARDS – YEAR BOOK VIDEO
NEW YEAR PROJECTIONS
MUSIC – FAMILY FUN AND MORE...**

**BE EXPECTING BIG ANOUNCEMENTS
ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR FAMILY!**



DID YOU KNOW????

Did you know that our website offers many tools to enhance your Five Rings Experience? There are many tools on the childs page for parents, students, teens, and those currently not in our family. There are free downloads and slide show workshops for fire safety, child safety, teen self defense and more. I especially want to point out the parents guide to success in 5RMMA. There is also a do it yourself Child I.D. Kit available for download. Be sure to enhance your experience with a visit to our website.

WWW.5RMMA.COM

Did you know that we provide anti bully and self protection workshops for youth groups. Do you have a boy/girl scout troop that would enjoy an evening with us? Just ask us for details. These workshops are free local scout troops and available to other youth groups as low as \$10.00 per child!

Did you know we can host your child's birthday party. Party packages include 1 hour of a fun filled action packed karate class and demonstrations. Hosting up to 15 kids at our location or unlimited at a location of your arrangement. You supply the décor, gifts, and food, and we supply the fun!

**Pricing - \$50.00 at our location.
\$2.00 per child min. \$50.00 at your location.**

Did you know we have money making opportunities for you. We offer many seminars through the year. Help us fill the event and earn as much as \$10.00 per participant. If you would like to know more about this just ask Senei Lyle H.