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New Student Handbooks

New and renewing students will be given a copy of the second edition of the Okami Kai student handbook. This new edition contains updates of the same information as the first as well as added information about the Ichiban title, bowing on/off, events like our Warrior Weekend, and information about sai classes and Iaido.

Okami Kai Gift Certificates Are Now Available!

Just in time for Christmas! Okami Kai gift certificates are now available in denominations of \$5, \$10, and \$20.

Also, our new Start Up Certificate is also available for \$99 that allows the bearer to a private class, a uniform, and a one month trial membership. **What an awesome Christmas gift for the person you care about!**



Martial Arts Word Scramble

Nobody submitted their puzzle last month to get extra points. The answers were...

1. Bokken, 2. Escrima, 3. Kama, 4. Sai, 5. Nunchuku, 6. Tonfa, 7. Bo, 8. Shuriken, 9. Cane, 10. Shinai. Bonus: Armour

December Events

Knock Out Hunger Night 7 – Mon. Dec. 5 – 6:45pm

Please note that the 5:30pm class is canceled for this evening.

Christmas Grading – Saturday Dec. 17

There will be only one grading at 9:30am. White and yellow belt students will be given a letter from Sensei informing them when they have been put on the grading list. **Orange and higher belt students wishing to grade should submit a request to grade form A.S.A.P.** All grading fees must be submitted by December 13 in order for any student to be graded. We strongly recommend that any student posted on the grading list attend classes as often as possible in order to ensure a positive grading experience. ***There will be no regular classes on this day.***

Christmas Party – Sat. Dec. 17 – 7pm

This should be an excellent way to celebrate with all the students who will be graded to their next belt level but is by no means just for them. Everyone and anyone is welcome! This will be a potluck dinner and dance. Be sure to put your name on the sign up list with the number of people that will be attending as well as the food dish that will be brought to the party. Admission is an unwrapped toy that can be given to a needy child. Sensei is also looking for volunteers to help decorate the hall, organize the kitchen, and take down after the party is over. Be sure to also bring lots of money to pay for raffle tickets during the evening as there will be lots of prizes with all proceeds going OPERATION: JAPAN.

‘Blast Class’ – Thurs. Dec. 22 – 8pm

As we do every year, we will be shutting down for the Christmas holidays. Our last class will be our annual Christmas Workout. Sensei will be leading a class consisting of nothing but aerobics, strength training, and flexibility exercises. This class is open to all belt levels and ages. **There will be no children’s class that night.** We will then resume our class schedule on Monday January 2.

We Want To Hear From You!

Write a short paragraph about why you like Okami Kai and what studying the martial arts has done for you and you could be reading about yourself in upcoming issues of the Okami Kai Howler. This is for all ages and levels. Any Wolf Pack member who submits an essay will get 30 points for their pack. Submissions will be chosen based on size and available space in the newsletter. They will also obviously be chosen based on overall interest value so get creative.

OPERATION: JAPAN News

The first official meeting for people interested in the May 2007 trip to Japan solved a lot of problems and definitely got things off on the right track. Ideas were presented and tasks were assigned so that we can have a better understanding of the trip and how we will raise funds to help support the estimated \$4000 per person price tag. For all the details you can visit the OPERATION: JAPAN forum in the message boards on www.okamikai.com. Executive committee members should check this board often as this will most likely be the easiest way we can communicate with the group. It is not too late to take advantage of this amazing trip. Please indicate to the group your willingness to participate by posting a message on the board. Or, you can show up to our next meeting on **Monday Jan. 16, 2006 at 8pm.**

Kid's Tactic!

Sensei will be teaching both sections of Okami Kai's Kid's Tactic curriculum on **Saturday Jan. 21 starting at 12:30pm.** Children 6 years of age and older can take one or both of the hour long classes taught on this day.

The **Bully Buster** section will be taught first and will offer helpful advice on how to handle a bully and what to look for so that bullies can be avoided

At 1:45pm the **Street Proofer** section will be taught. Information regarding stranger interaction, what child abusers look for, and what to do in case of an attack will be taught.

Price is \$15 per seminar or both for \$25. Space is limited and this is not just for Okami Kai members so reserve your spot today!

Wolf Pack Report

Don't forget to bring in your report cards for points!

Green Pack Senpai Garrett Clifford received 500 points for attending both days of Capital Conquest moving this Pack into first place!

2096 points

Blue Pack

1868 points

Yellow Pack Congratulations Senpai Jeremy Rilling for being chosen as Ichiban for December! Senpai Jeremy and Senpai Rob Rilling get 100 points for bringing in their Mom! Welcome Jean-Luc Richard! Jesse Dyke gets 100 points for bringing you in. He will also save \$50 on his renewal if you sign up for a year membership!

1589 points

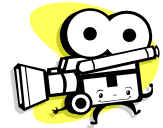
Red Pack Welcome Corey Ball and Justin Latva! Brock Vandermeer got 100 points for bringing Justin in. He will also get \$50 off his annual renewal because Justin has purchased a year membership.

401 points

Our next brown belt class will be
Jan. 2, 2006 at 8pm

The first day after we return from holidays!

New Okami Kai Video Infomercial Coming



Sensei Chan of Prodigy Productions will be making an updated new website infomercial to replace the one currently on the homepage. We have a new dojo and new students that we would now like to show the public. We are expecting to start working on this near the end of December or perhaps January. If any student does not want to be filmed, they should let Sensei know immediately.

Check out scenes from

Warrior Weekend 2005