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Demo Team Needed For Ribfest!

Senpai Jonathan Gladstone is organizing a demonstration team for the 2nd annual Ribfest happening in Elgin Park on the weekend of July 17-19. Our demo will probably be around 11:00-12:00 noon on Sunday, July 19th. Practices at the dojo during Monday all ages classes from 5:30-6:30PM starting Monday, May 11th. All students are welcome from white belt on up, but you must be able to come to practices often and commit to July 6th, 13th (practices) and 19th (Demo day).



Still Time To Register For Kingston Kicks!

The Early Bird registration date was May 4 and anyone needing a baton for the course on May 24 has to register by May 10, but there is still room for this fantastic event running on May 23-24. You won't want to miss this fabulous weekend that can be enjoyed by martial artists and their families!



For more information, you can visit <http://www.kingstonkicks.net>.

Change In The Picnic Plans

Students who have been with us in previous years know that we usually join up with HBK Martial Arts and Wellness Centre for a picnic and grading which is held outdoors usually at the end of June. We have decided this year to join up for a grading at the HBK dojo on Friday June 26 and then go to Shihan Walker's home at **3123 Elm Tree Rd. in Cambrey** (close to Woodville) for a potluck picnic on the Saturday starting at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to attend a great social time of getting to know one another. Remember to mark it on your calendar. It's already in the box on the bottom left corner of this newsletter.

Mark Your Calendar!

For more information visit www.okamikai.com!

- May 16-18 – Victoria Day Weekend (No Classes)
- May 23-24 – Kingston Kicks
- Fri. May 29 – Kyu Belt Grading
- Mon. May 31 – HBK Brown and Black Belt Class
- Fri. June 26 – Kyu Belt Grading at HBK
- Sat. June 27 – Potluck Picnic at Shihan Walker's
- Sat. July 11 – Gorgon's Golf Tournament
- July 13-17 – Karate Day Camp
- Sun. July 19 – Demo at Ribfest
- Aug. 7-8 – Summer Synergy
- Nov. 7-8 – Break Fall 2009

Karate Day Camp

We are still registering students for our Karate Day Camp that will be running during the week of **July 13-17 from 9:30am until 3pm**. Participants will learn Karate during the morning and then do a different activity in the afternoon. Some activities being planned at this time are swimming, a special science experience taught by Elephant Thoughts, and a trip to Northwood Zoo in Seagrave. Price is \$165 per person for current Okami Kai members. Non-members are \$190 per person. All participants are asked to bring a bag lunch and comfortable clothing for each day of the camp.



Thanks To Team Okami Kai!

At last check our team was credited with raising over \$6800 for the MS Walk-A-Thon. We were also declared as the largest team on the day of the Walk. Thanks to all those who helped support this cause. The following is a list of names taken from our team list at www.supercitieswalk.com.

James Allen, Carolyn Allen, Thomas Allen, Greg Allen, Mackenzie Allen, Colleen Baskin, Terry Baskin, Senpai Wally Blacklock, Hailey Brauch, Dale Campsall, Sensei Scott Campsall, Sensei Darcie Campsall, Jacob Campsall, Lori Canario, Matthew Canario, Lorenzo Canario, Alex-Rose Canario, Steve Dilts, Justin Dilts, Jesse Dyke, Mia Goldberg, Jeffrey Hight, Gordon Hight, Gary Hill, Senpai Lisa Hill, Kimberly Hughes, Kara Hughes, Regan Hughes, Jessica Hughes, Jennifer Rodych, KC Lenardich, Denise Lenardich, Sinclair Minshull, Jill Minshull, Rileigh Rodych, Reece Rodych, Hunter Rodych, John Rodych, Kieran Yee

Life is a process of becoming, a combination of states we have to go through. Where people fail is that they wish to elect a state and remain in it. This is a kind of death.

- ANAIS NIN

Wolf Pack Report

Yellow Pack Welcome Mark Tennent and Hunter Rodych! Reece and Rileigh Rodych got 100 points for working together to bring Hunter in. Andrew Tennent got 100 points for bringing Mark in.

2654 points

Blue Pack

1834 points

Red Pack Welcome Cody Barber! Jacob Campsall got 100 points bringing you in!

1322 points

Green Pack Congratulations to KC Lenardich who was chosen as Ichiban for this month!

Welcome James Barton and Angelica Koch!

1126 points

HEY KIDS! GET MOM TO TRY A START UP PACKAGE IN KARATE OR AIKIDO THIS MONTH AND YOUR PACK WILL GET 1000 POINTS!!! DON'T FORGET THAT THEY GET THE DISCOUNT PRICE OF \$35 PLUS TAX INSTEAD OF \$99 FOR A PRIVATE CLASS, UNIFORM AND TWO WEEK TRIAL, (SIX CLASS TRIAL FOR AIKIDO). IT COULD BE A GREAT GIFT FOR MOTHER'S DAY!

Okami Kai. What A Great School!

By Sensei Scott Campsall

I've been doing a lot of thinking about how lucky I am lately. I have a loving and supporting family and some wonderful friends. I live in a super town in a fantastic country that is second to none. Top it all off with the fact that I am a part of a great martial arts school that is going to be 10 years old in September and this sensei feels pretty blessed

Okami Kai offers two of the most diverse curriculums that I've ever seen in both our Karate and Aikido programs and we seem to have very friendly students that want to go out of their way to help the others. There appears to be a strong sense of community in our school that although it is often seen in other schools, it doesn't always occur. I would like to thank all of our members and their families for taking the time and effort to be a part of something great. I like the fact that you feel a pride about how your school is seen by the public both in and outside the martial arts world. This is very apparent by the many volunteers who work on the demo team and the MS Walk. Even the person that sees the odd empty water bottle laying around and takes the time to throw it out. Even when it's not theirs!

I can see that you care about your school. You know what? The fact that you do, helps me to care too. Thanks for encouraging me. Thanks for your help. Thanks for your spirit. Thanks for making sure that Okami Kai will be here in another 10 years, hopefully even longer.