

## **ACADEMY OF HWA RANG DO – MADISON**

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Dear Parents and Students;

I am writing to invite you and your family to the Midwest Hwa Rang Do®/Tae Soo Do® Championships. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of our Midwest Hwa Rang Do family to come together to test their skills, make new friends, and strengthen existing friendships. I strongly encourage every student to participate.

The cost to participate is extremely reasonable (\$35 if paid in advance) for all events. The reason for the low cost entrance fee is that I want and expect everyone to participate, and I don't want money to be a reason someone doesn't.

Whether you or your child has competed in the past or this is your first experience, I guarantee you will thoroughly enjoy it. Students compete in sparring, empty hand forms, and weapon forms. In addition, there is a black belt demonstration and team competition. Since the competition is exclusively for our members, there is no need to worry about "what to expect". The sparring rules and protocol are exactly the same as are followed in our classes. All of the competitors will be competing against students of similar age and ability. The goal is to compete in a safe environment and have fun!

As is our tradition, we will once again be conducting a Break-A-Thon to raise money for a worthy charity. This year we will be supporting the Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization. Through generous donations from our employers, friends and family, I expect this year's contributions to exceed \$6,000. I personally challenge you to do all you can to make this goal a reality.

Throughout the day, you will have an opportunity to get a professional martial art photo taken by Legend Sports Photography. The process is similar to other sporting activities that offer photos. You will be able to select from a variety of poses, sizes, and specialty items. The photos are very affordable and the quality is excellent.

Following the tournament, there will be a buffet dinner at Herreman's Resturant on Main Street in Sun Prairie. The cost of the buffet is \$10 per person. Please include payment for the dinner with your registration.

I know that time is precious, especially on the weekend. I also know that attendance at our tournament is an extremely valuable opportunity to enhance a student's martial art experience. Imagine practicing baseball throughout the year, and never being able to play a game. You would quickly lose motivation and enthusiasm for the practice. Students need the opportunity to showcase their skills in order to maintain their motivation.

Thank you for making this event a priority. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. I look forward to seeing you at this year's event.

Hwa Rang Do Forever!  
Master Kijek