



The All United States Kendo Federation

May 1, 2007

To all members of the All United States Kendo Federation (AUSKF)

The Omaha Kendo and Iaido Kyokai are very pleased to host the AUSKF 2007 Iaido Camp from Thursday, July 26, 2007 to Sunday, July 29, 2007 at the Iowa School for the Deaf in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Enclosed please find a packet of information and registration sheets, all of which should be distributed to all interested individuals. This same information is also available via the AUSKF web site listed below. All participants are strongly encouraged to register early in order to avoid late charges and limited space after July 1, 2007. **All forms and payments delineated within the packet must be received to the camp mailing address below by July 12, 2007 as no late applications will be accepted nor refunds provided after this date.** Candidates seeking the ranks of 6 Dan and below are eligible to test but must have written permission from their instructor and the president of their regional Kendo Federation.

Registrants are responsible for their own ground transportation. Taxi's are available at the airport and the fare to the hotel is approximately \$25.00. The hotel does not provide shuttle service from the airport. We need to know if you will have your own transportation from the hotel to the venue or will be looking for transportation. If enough people need transportation to and from the venue, we will provide school bus transportation for a nominal fee. Please provide this information when sending in your registration packet.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the individuals at the addresses and phone number below.

We look forward to seeing you in July!

Sincerely,

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Organizers: Omaha Kendo & Iaido Kyokai

Dates: Thursday, July 26, 2007 through Sunday, July 29, 2007

Location: Iowa School for the Deaf
3501 Harry Langdon Blvd.
Council Bluffs, IA 51503-7837

Instructors:

Takeshi Yamaguchi	7 dan, renshi, iaido - Head Instructor
Shozo Kato	7 dan, kyoshi, iaido
Tatsuhiko Konno	7 dan, renshi, iaido
Ichiro Murakami	6 dan, iaido
Thomas Hooper	6 dan, renshi, iaido
Dick Anderson	6 dan, iaido

Two instructors from the Zen Nippon Kendo Renmei (ZNKR), Iaido Section in Japan will be attending the camp.

Yamazaki, Masahiro	8 dan, hanshi, iaido & 7 dan kyoshi, kendo
Ito, Tomoharu	8 dan, kyoshi, iaido & 8 dan, kyoshi, kendo

Schedule (subject to change):

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

3:00 p.m.: Hotel check-in and camp registration

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.: Welcome reception – Islamorada Fish Company located in Bass Pro Shops (Appetizers provided; Cash Bar)

Thursday, July 26, 2007

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.: Gym opening / setup

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.: Opening remarks

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Seminar

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Seminar

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.: Closing remarks

Friday, July 27, 2007

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.: Gym opening / setup

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.: Opening remarks / announcements/group pictures

9:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Seminar

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Seminar

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.: Closing remarks

Saturday, July 28, 2007

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.: Gym opening / setup

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.: Opening remarks / shimpan meeting

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Taikai

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Taikai

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.: Awards presentation / closing remarks

7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.: Sayonara Party, – Islamorada Fish Company located in Bass Pro Shops

Sunday, July 29, 2007

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.: Gym opening / setup

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.: Shinsa

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Closing remarks



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AUSKF 2007 NATIONAL IAIDO TAIKAI (TOURNAMENT)

All ZenKenRen iaido kata will be pre-selected by the instructors and posted on the day of the taikai. Koryu kata will be chosen by each contestant (Nakanishi Cup contestants only). Time limit: Six minutes per competitor, all divisions. All matches are determined by hantei (judges' decision). 1st place, 2nd place, two 3rd place and Kantosho (Fighting Spirit) awards will be handed out for each division. **All decisions of the referees and judges are final.**

Participants must have a nafuda (name tag) for their uniform.

Mudansha Cup

- No rank to 1 kyu may enter
- Each contestant performs five kata from ZenKenRen iaido

Yamaguchi Cup

- 1 dan to 2 dan may enter
- Each contestant performs five kata from ZenKenRen iaido

Nakanishi Cup

- 3 dan and above may enter
- Each contestant performs two kata from their individual koryu (style) plus three kata from ZenKenRen iaido

Shinkyu Shinsa (Promotional Examination)

Shinsa candidates must complete or provide **ALL** of the following prior to the examination:

- AUSKF membership or membership of another kendo federation recognized by IKF.
- Completed shinsa application form.
- Signed waiver of liability form.
- Permission from their instructor.
- Permission from their regional kendo federation president.
- A copy of their current menjo (rank certificate).
- Written test answer(s).
- Shinsa and menjo fees (must be two separate checks; there will be no refund if there is only one check covering both fees and the shinsa is not passed).

Candidates may apply to test for 6th dan and below. **Any shinsa application forms or payments submitted after July 12 2007 will NOT be accepted.** New menjo will be mailed to each successful candidate's instructor following the completion of the shinsa. **All decisions of the examining board are final.**



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AUSKF 2007 CAMP FEE SCHEDULE

2-day seminar and 1-day taikai: \$140.00, AUSKF members (non-AUSKF add \$40.00)

❖ A \$35.00 late fee will be added to seminar, taikai and shinsa fees for applications received after July 1, 2007.

❖ NO applications, changes or refunds will be accepted after **July 12, 2007**.

Shinsa (7/29/07): \$50.00 (non-AUSKF members must be a member of a Kendo Federation recognized by the IKF. Also must have written permission from their country's Kendo Federation President)

Daily Lunch (optional): \$10.00 each, per day (not offered on Sunday)

Sayonara Party (optional): \$25.00 per person

Menjo (certificates) / Rank Registration; Japanese menjo: add \$10.00 to any fees up to and including 4th dan. Add \$50.00 for 5th dan and 6th dan.

	<u>English</u>	<u>Japanese</u>
Kyu (17 and under):	\$10.00	\$20.00
Kyu (18 and over):	\$20.00	\$30.00
1 dan:	\$30.00	\$40.00
2 dan:	\$40.00	\$50.00
3 dan:	\$60.00	\$70.00
4 dan:	\$80.00	\$90.00
5 dan:	\$100.00	\$150.00
6 dan:	\$150.00	\$200.00

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: All United States Kendo Federation (do not abbreviate)

NOTE: Separate checks are necessary for the following:

Check #1: Seminar Fee (Tournament fee is included), bento, Sayonara Dinner.

Check #2: Shinsa (Testing) Fee

Check #3: Menjo (Certificate) Fee



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AUSKF 2007 IAIDO SHINSA APPLICATION FORM

Please print all information

Name: _____
Last First Middle

If requesting menjo in Japanese (Kanji or katakana) _____
Family Name Given Name

Home Address: _____

Telephone (Primary): (_____) _____ Telephone (Secondary) (_____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Birth date (MM/DD/YY): _____ Age at time of exam: _____

Requested Rank: _____ Present Rank: _____

Place Received: _____ Date (Month / Year): _____

Regional Kendo Federation: _____

Regional Kendo Federation President: _____

Dojo: _____ Instructor: _____

Instructor's Home Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Instructor Comments (Optional): _____
(Use additional sheets if necessary)

Signature of Instructor: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Regional Kendo Federation President: _____
Date: _____

Please list any handicaps, injuries, etc.: _____
(Use additional sheets if necessary)

NOTES: Please enclose the following with this form: 1) A copy of your current menjo (ranking certificate); 2) Written test answer(s); 3) A check payable to AUSKF in the amount of \$50; 4) A check payable to AUSKF in the amount of your requested menjo (see menjo fee schedule); 5) Signed waiver of liability form. The menjo check will be returned or destroyed if shinsa is not passed. Certificates will be mailed to the instructor's home address.



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AUSKF 2007 WRITTEN EXAMINATION – IAIDO SHINSA QUESTIONS

Applicant's Name (*print legibly*): _____

Regional Federation: _____ Dojo: _____

Birthday: _____ Age: _____

Each applicant testing for 1st kyu and above is required to answer two of the three test questions given for the rank they are testing for. Please answer the by writing (clearly/legibly) in either English or Japanese. You may use the backside of this paper or a separate sheet. If using a separate sheet please insure the information above is on your answer sheet.

First Kyu candidates:

- 1: Name, and briefly describe, the five basic on-guard postures (*kamae*) used in swordsmanship.
- 2: What is the purpose of *chiburi*?
- 3: List the names of all 12 All Japan Kendo Federation Iaido katas.

Shodan candidates:

- 1: Explain what is meant by the term *saya-biki*. Describe its use in one All Japan Kendo Federation Iaido kata.
- 2: Draw a simple diagram of a katana, label as many parts as you can.
- 3: *Tsuki* (thrusts) occur in five of the All Japan Kendo Federation Iaido kata. Name these kata, and identify their target areas.

Nidan candidates:

- 1: Discuss the concept of *zanshin*. Describe its use in at least one All Japan Kendo Federation kata.
- 2: Explain the proper way of gripping the katana when cutting.
- 3: Describe the action of *furikaburi* in All Japan Kendo Federation kata *Ipponme (Mae)*.

Sandan candidates:

- 1: What is *kirioroshi*? Describe its use in one All Japan Kendo Federation Iaido kata.
- 2: Describe how to clean a sword (*shinken* and/or *iaito*).
- 3: How should the left hand function while drawing the sword?

Yondan candidates:

- 1: Write what you know about *kokyū* (breath control) in Iaido.
- 2: What is meant by *jo-ha-kyū*? Describe its application in one All Japan Kendo Federation Iaido kata.
- 3: Is it important, or is it not important to participate in Iaido Competitions? Explain your rationale.

Godan candidates:

- 1: Discuss *reiho*: What does the word mean, why is it important in the dojo?
- 2: Discuss *metsuke*.
- 3: Name the 2 sitting postures used in Iaido. Describe how to sit in each, and how to get up.

Rokudan

- 1: What is *kigurai*?
- 2: What are *ma* and *maai*? Describe their application in one or two All Japan Kendo Federation Iaido kata.
- 3: What is important when teaching Iaido to beginners?



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AUSKF 2007 IAIDO CAMP WAIVER OF LIABILITY

All seminar, taikai and shinsa participants MUST read and sign the following and submit this form with all other application forms:

I, the undersigned, do hereby voluntarily submit my application for participation and attendance in the AUSKF 2007 Iaido Camp, and hereby release all rights or claims for any injuries, loss of, or damage to personal property that I may incur while attending and participating in the aforementioned event. I hereby waive any and all claims against the All United States Kendo Federation (AUSKF), Iowa School for the Deaf, the Southwest Kendo and Iaido Federation (SWKIF), Omaha Kendo and Iaido Kyokai or any officials, agents, representatives, successors, and assignees of those individuals or organizations arranging or conducting said event. I further state that I am in good health and physical condition so that I may participate in said event. If I am less than 18 years of age, this release and consent must also be signed by a parent or legal guardian.

I have read and understood the information pertaining to the AUSKF 2007 Iaido Camp and hereby attest that all information given is correct to the best of my knowledge. I also accept all decisions of the referees, judges and examining board as final.

Signature: _____

Name (please print): _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian (if participant is under 18 years of age):

_____ **Date:** _____

Name (please print): _____

AUSKF 2007 LUNCH SELECTION OPTIONS

Name & Dojo must be filled in on each day's selection. Please print clearly.

LUNCH SELECTION – THURSDAY, JULY 26 (SELECT CHOICE)

NAME: _____ DOJO: _____

Chicken Teriyaki

California roll & vegetable roll

Salmon Teriyaki

2 Vegetable rolls

LUNCH SELECTION – FRIDAY, JULY 27 (SELECT CHOICE)

NAME: _____ DOJO: _____

Choose one of each:

Bread: Whole wheat or White _____

Meat: Roast beef, Turkey, Ham, Chicken Salad, or Tuna Salad _____

Sliced Cheese: Swiss, American, or Monterey Jack _____

Sides: Chips or Fresh Fruit _____

All sandwiches are served with small Zebra brownie, mayonnaise & Dijon mustard on the side.

LUNCH SELECTION – SATURDAY, JULY 28 (SELECT CHOICE)

NAME: _____ DOJO: _____

Chicken Teriyaki

California roll & vegetable roll

Salmon Teriyaki

2 Vegetable rolls

AUSKF 2007 DINNER SELECTION OPTIONS



NAME: _____ (complete a sheet for each guest)

DOJO: _____

Garden Salad

CHOOSE ONE ENTRÉE BELOW

Blackened Salmon (can be prepared without being blackened)
Served with wild rice and fresh vegetables

Key West Shrimp Pasta
*Fresh shrimp tossed in marinara and Key West cream sauces and served over penne pasta.
Served with a garlic breadstick*

Grilled Mahi-Mahi & Shrimp with Key Lime grilling sauce
Served with wild rice and fresh vegetables

Rotisserie Broiled Chicken first spiced with lemon, garlic, and thyme
Served with wild rice and fresh vegetables

12 oz. New York Strip Steak
Served with Garlic mashed potatoes and fresh vegetables

Vegetarian Dinner on request

Unlimited soft drinks, iced tea and coffee

CASH BAR FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES



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AUSKF 2007 IAIDO CAMP CHECKLIST

In order to avoid any confusion or frustration, please make sure everything on the checklist below is completed and sent in together.

- 2007 AUSKF Iaido Camp Seminar and Fee Form.
- 2007 AUSKF Iaido Shinsa Form.
- Copy of your current menjo (rank certificate) if you have Iaido rank.
- Written Exam Form and answers to appropriate test questions.
- 2007 AUSKF Iaido Camp Lunch Selection Form.
- 2007 AUSKF Iaido Camp Sayonara Dinner Form.
- Check(s) all made out to: All United States Kendo Federation (do not abbreviate).
 - ❖ Check #1 for 2007 AUSKF Iaido Camp Seminar Fee
 - ❖ Check #2 for AUSKF Shinsa Fee (\$50.00)
 - ❖ Check #3 for AUSKF Menjo Fee (menjo fee schedule on page 4)
- All must be mailed to and **received by July 12, 2007.**

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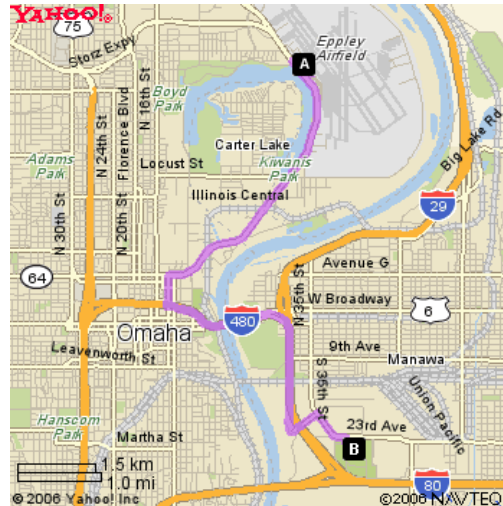


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AUSKF 2007 IAIDO CAMP HOTEL INFORMATION

Country Inn & Suites
17 Arena Way
Council Bluffs, IA 51501 (across the street from the Horseshoe Casino).
Telephone #'s: direct telephone 712 322-8282.
National toll free 888 201-1746

Group # is 072507AU
Group name is All United States Kendo Federation.
Rate: \$75.99 for either a single king or double king.
Hotel cutoff date: June 25, 2007.
Rooms have been blocked for arrival Wednesday, 7/25 though Saturday, 7/28.



Directions from Eppley Airfield Airport (OMA) to 17 Arena Way, Council Bluffs 8.2 mi., 16 min.

1. Start going toward the **AIRPORT EXIT** – go 0.3 mi
2. Turn **L** on **ABBOTT DR (TURNS into CAPITAL)** – go 3.0 mi
3. Turn **L** on **10TH ST** – go 0.4 mi.
4. Turn **L** on **DOUGLAS ST/ N I-480 EAST** – go 1.1 mi
5. Take **I-29** toward **I-80/KANSAS CITY**
6. Take exit **#52/NEBRASKA AVE.;** **TURN L** onto **NEBRASKA AVE**– go 0.8 mi.
7. Turn **R** on **S 35TH ST**
8. Turn **R** on **BASS PRO DRIVE**
9. Turn **L** on **PLAZA VIEW DR**
10. Turn **L** on **24TH AVE**
11. Turn **L** on **ARENA WAY** – ARRIVE AT HOTEL

