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Martial Arts for Education



May / Gogatsu 2025

Awards & Demo Day 2025

What a GREAT Awards and Demo Day! Not only did we have the largest number of students (42) and attendance (159) in a long time but we saw remarkable focus and discipline from all participants. Every level from Whitebelts through Blackbelts demonstrated excellent martial arts skills which always require good self-control.



Bowling In



Waiting for Awards



Great Reaction Drill everyone!



Boxing Skills

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Enchanted Hills Elementary
Left—EH Students show Tsuki Punches
Right—Award Winners:
 Best Students: Isabelle & Silas
 Best New Students: Jenna and Sonja
 Most Improved: Kayden (absent)
 Instructors: Russell, Vicente, Alexandria, and Robert



Sabana Grande Rec. Center (below)
 Best Greenbelt Student: Sawyer
 Best Whitebelt Student: Jerick
 Best New Student: Liberty not pictured
 Most Improved: Zeke

AnchorPoint Church Annex
 (right)

Best Student: Karina
 Best New Student: Nina
 Most Improved: Conan
 Owen—Assistant Instructor



Rapid Fire Stomp Kicks



Stomp Kicks



Muto--No Sword



Greenbelt Medalists

Zeke, Japhet, Silas,
 Sawyer, Leonel,
 Hannah, Jaxon,
 Karina, Donovan,
 Jaden, Conan, and
 Isabelle.



7th Kyu Trophies

Skye ,
 Greyson
 , Everly,
 Bradley



Special Awards

(left)
 Russell, Vicente, Owen:
Assistant Instructors.
 Oenomaus & Orion:
Butoku.
 Lily (not pictured)
Nin

Certificates from Japan

Russell and Vicente
 received their 1st
 Kyu Certificates
 from the Hombu
 Dojo in Japan. Last
 step before testing
 for Blackbelt!



Alexandria has been a positive part of Martial Arts for Education since she joined the program 12 years ago. Always enthusiastic and generous with her time and energy she has become very important in helping new students learn the martial arts. When the adult teaching team were at the Las Vegas *Taikai* she was able to step in and keep the teaching going. She sets an example for all of us!
Jonas and Gavin presented the Award.

2024 Student of the Year
Alexandria



Last year Gavin, Alexandria, and Owen tested for Blackbelt. With the *Shodan Certificate* from Hatsumi-Sensei their rank is respected around the world.



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Congratulations May Testers!



High-Rank Testers

2nd Kyu—Nia
1st Kyu Lovieanna
Shodan Vicente



Vicente
1st Degree Blackbelt

New Greenbelts
Stellan, Jerick



Bo v. Sword

Kyu Testers
8th Kyu—Allie, Silas,
Sawyer, and Isabelle
6th Kyu—Jasper and Everly
(with Judges)



Sword Cuts and Blocks



Hicho



Results



Mass Attack

Watch Out for that Knife!



Tobi



Open Door

Great Test
Everyone!



Demo Sword Work

May Birthdays

Oenomaus
Everly
Rosalie
Isabelle
Sigurd
Vicente
Hannah
Karina



Happy Birthday!

Great Archery Day Camp for May!



Wind Ball
For All!

Perfect Morning for LOTS of Archery



Snacks on Fun Hike

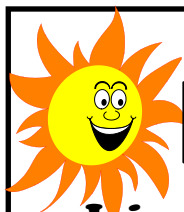


Bumpy Ride Back



Shodo

Next Archery Day Camp--June 8th
Sign-up Genius or 505-350-6318



Martial Arts Summer Program Begins June 3rd

Join our Martial Arts Summer Program for June and July. We teach practical non-competitive martial arts based on the Art of the Ninja and Samurai. Students K through 12th grade are welcome to join all or part of our Summer Fun. Besides focus, discipline, coordination, and self-defense we offer special outdoor classes and Archery Day Camps which include a fun hike and Japanese Culture activities.



Martial Arts Classes for Beginners

**Saturdays: 9am to 9:45 at Sabana Grande Recreation Center
June 7th through July 26th**

**Tuesdays: 5:30pm to 6:15 at AnchorPoint Church Annex
June 10 through July 29th**

**Rio Vista Park Classes: Tuesday, June 3rd: 5:30pm to 6:15
Thursday, June 5th & 19th: 9am to 9:45**



Archery Day Camp

Sunday June 8th—8am to 12 Noon

Beginners through experienced archers are welcome to join our out-door activities. Archery Day Camps include two Archery Sessions, a Fun Hike, and Japanese Cultural Activities. The fees will include all equipment such as Bows, Arrows, and other materials.

Students will be dropped off at 8am and picked up at 12 noon at the Church in San Ysidro, NM. (30 min. from Rio Rancho)

Fees: \$45 for Martial Arts Students and \$50 for others.



Fenton Lake Fun Day-Sunday June 29th!

Come and Join Us for a day of Fishing, Hiking, BBQ, and More any time between 8am and 5pm. It's a POTLUCK so bring food to share to the Day Use area on the South /West side of the lake. \$10 minimum donation appreciated! Contact us for more information. Join for a Day of Fun!!



Fees for Martial Arts Classes

One time per week—\$40*

Multiple Class per week—\$60*

Individual Classes—\$10

*Family Discount—\$5 off each.

JOIN ANY TIME!

For More Info:

www.nm-ninjakids.org/

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