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Martial Arts for Education



March / Sangatsu 2026

## Congratulations February Testers!



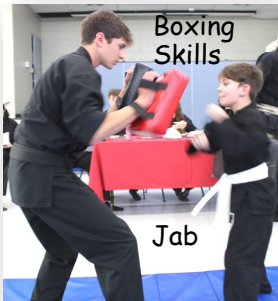
**New 9th Kyu Greenbelts :**  
**Mattox and Alexandria**  
**Judges: Alex and Vicente**



The Test on February 28th was a great example of the wide range of skills within Bujinkan Budo Taijutsu. Two became Greenbelts. Three Greenbelts took the next step towards Blackbelt. Two gained the right to train in 7Up Classes. Two reached half-way to Blackbelt. One reached Second Degree Blackbelt! SUPER!



**Kyu Testers: 8th Kyu: Conan, Lucas, Aurelio. 7th Kyu: Liberty, Silas, 5th Kyu: Skye, Tohbi. Nidan: Owen. With Judges & Helpers**



Boxing Skills

Jab

San Shin Sui No Kata



Jumoji



Hook



Ku no Kata



Stomp Kick



Tobi/Jump



Upper cut



Hanbo Skills: Koshi-Ori



Shinai: Cuts and Blocks



## Next Test May 16th



This year the Summer Program will Begin Tuesday, June 2nd

More information in next month's Newsletter.



# Iaido: Handling the Samurai Sword



Owen tested for Second-Degree Blackbelt on February 28th. One of the most impressive aspects of the test was his use of the Samurai Sword. Developed over hundreds of years, the discipline of the sword is precise and demanding. Owen showed a high level of control and timing that impressed judges and the entire audience. Well Done Owen!

## More Testing Snap-shots



Sword Cuts & Blocks



Impact Training



Out And In Muto



Omote Gyaku



Ura Gyaku



Mass Attack



Mass Attack



Open Door Muto



**A Blackbelt is A Whitebelt  
Who Never Gave Up!**



Last Year's Awards and Demo Day.

Mark Your Calendars:

This Year it's on Saturday, April 18th!

### Awards & Demo Day 2025



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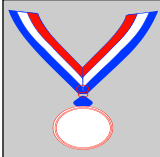
# Get ready for Awards/Demo Day April 18th!

Please try to attend our biggest event of the year! Medals, trophies and awards will be presented. Students will be doing demonstrations and the higher ranks will show weapons work. This is a great opportunity to see the students in action. Even if you are a new student, please try to attend and *show what you know.*



Ushiro Ukemi

*We take lots of pictures, so if you have a uniform, be sure to wear it. You can invite friends and family. There will be food, drink, and martial arts sales and a Fun Raffle. See you there!*



## Annual Awards & Demo Day

10am to 11:30

Saturday, April 18



Held at Sabana Grande Rec. Center  
 (Next to MVD on Sabana Grande)  
 9th Kyu Metals, 7th Kyu Trophies,  
 Student of the Year(2025) and More!

**Volunteers for the Awards and Demo Day Can sign up at Sign-up Genius. Details Coming Soon!**

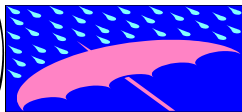


## March / April Birthdays

Aari  
 Aveah  
 Leonel  
 Russell  
 Bradley  
 Lucas  
 Skye



Sawyer  
 Alexandria  
 R. J.  
 Aiden



**Happy Birthday!**

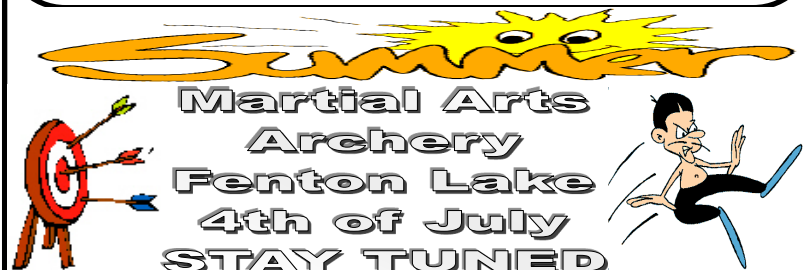
The **February 28th Test** went very well. The students showed focus and discipline and knew their testing requirements. Remember that testing is just a gage of the effort you make every time you come to class. Everyone works from where they are to improve their skills. **Each class is a test!** It's a chance to move from where you are to the next level.

**Greenbelts:** Remember in order o keep our non-profit program going we ask Greenbelts to add \$10 per month to the base Monthly Donation. \$40=\$50/\$60=\$70

### Upcoming Events

- Awards/Demo Day: 4/18 (All invited)
- Moonlight Training: 4/25&26(by invitation only)
- Belt Test: 5/16 (by invitation only)
- Archery Day Camp: 5/17 (All invited)
- Summer Program: June/July

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**Get Ready for TEST May 16th!**  
 Focus in EVERY Class