



# KI TANG SOO DO



## KI Tang Soo Do Newsletter for May 2016

We have lots of interesting things in this month's newsletter.

On June 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our annual KI Family Campout at Groveland Oaks Campground. A schedule of events is attached.

We have many activities planned during this weekend.

At 7:00 PM on Friday night Marc Herschfus will be testing for his 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belt. This event promises to be exciting.

Saturday morning we will hold our annual Gup testing (check in at 9:30 AM for all who wish to test)

That afternoon will be our Kick-A-Thon to benefit Make-A-Wish. This is a signature event held each year to benefit a Child in Need. A memo from Master Levy is below.

As always we have the water slide, pizza and Grand Master Swartz has lots of cool events planned.

Hope to see everyone there.



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On June 18, Master Daryl Palm and I will have the honor of co-chairing the 13th annual Kick-A-Thon to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan. As you know, Make-A-Wish grants wishes to children who have serious illnesses. The cost is underwritten by Make-A-Wish and each wish costs more than \$7,000.00. This event will again be held in the pavilion at our campsite at Groveland Oaks Park at 2:00 p.m.

The Kick-A-Thon was the vision of Grand Master Prais. He noted that our colleagues in Ohio, KI Kaju Kempo had been helping kids in this way and saw this as our opportunity to give something to our community. While it is healthy and natural to compete in tournaments and seek advancement in rank, that should not be our only function. We are directly responsible for granting wishes to more than 20 kids. This is something in which we can all take pride.

We have also invited our "wish" kid to lunch and Grand Master Swartz's games and festivities which follow the Kick-A-Thon. Each year our wish kid has joined us has been special. Sometimes it is difficult to determine whether they have a better time playing or we do watching them play.

Our club is smaller than it was and it is more difficult to raise money. That is more difficult thought does not mean we stop trying. Grand Master Prais has donated spectator fees from the last two tournaments which has been a huge help. We tell our students that we don't ask for a certain amount. We DO ask for participation and commitment. Please join us on June 18 and help some kids. Thank you.



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NEWS FROM AUBURN HILLS KI:

Competition results:

Renaissance Open (MSKC), Roseville, MI, April 17

Master Kirk Rehn – 1st place Black Belt Weapons 35+

2nd place Black Belt Forms 35+

Gladiator Challenge (NGLKC), Saginaw, MI, April 23

Master Kirk Rehn – Grand Champion Black Belt Forms

1st place Black Belt Traditional Forms 35+

1st place Black Belt Open Forms 35+

1st place Black Belt Traditional Weapons 35+

1st place Black Belt Open Weapons 35+

2nd place Black Belt Sparring 35+

Metro Detroit Open (NGLKC), Canton, MI, May 14

Master Kirk Rehn – 2nd place Black Belt Traditional Forms 35+

1st place Black Belt Open Forms 35+

1st place Black Belt Traditional Weapons 35+

1st place Black Belt Open Weapons 35+



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More Auburn Hills KI news:

Next up WKC USA Nationals, Dearborn, MI June 10 & 11

Great Lakes Pro-Am, Dearborn, MI June 12



The Auburn Hills Recreation Center celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Community Center Building on May 6. Auburn Hills KI put on two Demos/Seminars for the celebration. Special thanks to Ian Ginal for his help.



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## News from Battle Creek KI

Congratulations Angel Praim!

Currently Angel has competed in all of the MSKC tournaments this year and is in first place in “Advanced Women’s Under-belt Sparring” and “Advanced Under belt forms”.

This past weekend she went to the Icebreaker Challenge Karate Tournament in Sault Ste. Marie Michigan and took 1<sup>st</sup> place in age 15 - 17 Advanced forms as well as Under-belt/Junior Blackbelt forms Grand Champion!

She also competed in 15-17 Advanced sparring and took 3rd place.

She has qualified for 3 events in the WKC Toledo regional and will be attempting to qualify for the US team at Nationals on June 10th and 11th in Dearborn.

She represents Battle Creek K.I. Tang Soo Do.

Best of luck representing KI at the WKC Qualified in June!

