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NOVEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Sensei Ricky Wright began his martial arts studies when he was 19 years old in Haynesville, La. He studied Tae Kwon Do there for about 2 years. His instructor decided to move to Dallas, Texas so he was without an instructor and martial arts school.

About a year later he ran into a friend he went to high school with who told him that he was taking Kung Fu in Shreveport. Sensei Ricky studied My Jong Law Horn style Kung Fu for about 3 1/2 years. After making a 60 mile round trip 2 to 3 times a week and his son being born, he got tired of making that long haul and wanted to spend more time with his family. The friend he had been swapping rides with had quit so he was making the trips alone. When he decided to go back he found that his instructor had moved to Florida and someone else had the school. Discouraged he just decided to work out at home.

Several years later his son was always looking in the karate school when they would ride by and always wanted to watch. Sensei Ricky decided to let his son give it a try. Several months went by and Sensei Stanley asked Sensei Ricky if he would like to continue his studies. (While Sensei Ricky was taking Kung Fu he would also come work out at Sensei Stanley's Dojo.) Not wanting to strap on a white belt for the third time, he declined. Sensei Stanley was very persistent and finally Sensei Ricky showed up one night, put on a white gi and white obi for the third time around.

Sensei Ricky has been studying Isshinryu Karate with Sensei Stanley since 1996. He has said that donning that white belt for the third time was the best thing he has ever done in his martial arts training. Sensei Ricky hopes to continue "teaching and training" for many endless years to come.

We are proud to have Sensei Ricky as a member of the Clyde Stanley's Karate and Self-defense, Isshinryu Karate family.

BLACK BELT PROMOTION

Chris Clark received his Black Belt (Sho-Dan) in a Kamisa ceremony that was held on October 19, 2006. Chris and his son drove from Alexandria to Minden for two years to participate in class before they relocated back to Bossier City. We are proud of your accomplishments. Congratulations Sensei Chris Clark!!!!

HALF-CIRCLE JU-JITSU

Study sheets for each belt rank in Half-Circle Ju-Jitsu (yellow, orange, blue, green, and red) are now available.

All who successfully complete each test will receive a beautiful Half-Circle Ju-Jitsu certificate (suitable for framing) and colorful patches for their uniforms.

Join the elite group of martial artists with rank in both karate and ju-jitsu.

Pick up your study sheet and sign-up for your belt review today !

WHY SHOULD I BRING MY CHILD TO KARATE CLASS?

Over the years we have had parents tell us they were taking their child out of class to punish them for poor grades or bad behavior. They said their child loved karate and they felt that holding them out of class was the only thing they could do to correct the problem.

While we agree that children must be held accountable for their actions, there are many reasons why withholding karate is counter productive.

Martial arts expand your child's mind. Our students are challenged in every class to develop focus and concentration that transcends into the classroom.

We use the "Star System" to monitor your child's grades and reward them for academic achievement. Education professionals have recommended our school for years.

Kids who had no self-esteem, never did their homework, and got in trouble, have become honor role students and leaders in the community. This happens, not because of scare tactics, but because of the good examples they see in our classes.

We surround your child with teachers and other students who push and encourage them to be the best they can be. At our school everyone learns to do the right thing even when nobody is looking.

Obesity among children has become a national epidemic and the number one threat to our children's health. Regular martial arts classes keep your child active year round. In these days of video games, computers, television, and fast food, martial arts provide a healthy alternative to being a couch potato.

Unlike other sports, the martial arts are a life long journey. It is a fun and interesting way to remain fit your entire life. Children active in the martial arts grow to become active adults.

Parents, don't withhold martial arts from your children. It is vital to their mental, spiritual, and physical growth. Martial arts impacts their lives in a positive way.