



# Welcome to The Traveling Dojo!

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Dear Student,

**Welcome to The Traveling Dojo!** We are very excited and honored that you have selected The Traveling Dojo to shape your **Black Belt** journey, develop your path to confidence, and strengthen belief in yourself for a **fearless existence!** We are here for you and are committed to working with you to ensure **your** journey is successful.

**The Traveling Dojo's mission is to make martial arts available to EVERYONE, and to empower individuals through the practice of martial arts by cultivating, respect, commitment, perseverance, success, and lifelong fitness in a safe, supportive and inclusive environment.**

In this welcome packet, you will find more detailed information about your classes, promotions, how to get equipment, how to contact us and additional benefits for friends and family.

This welcome letter and all of our supporting policies can be found on our website at this address: <https://travelingdojomartialarts.com/fees-and-forms/>

### How to Reach Us

There are many ways to contact us if you have any needs or questions, or to just stay in touch with school activities:

**By Phone:** Contact Master Mark directly at: 301-613-3658

**By E-mail:** [membership@travelingdojomartialarts.com](mailto:membership@travelingdojomartialarts.com)

**Our Website:** <https://travelingdojomartialarts.com>

**Social Media:** Please follow us, like us, love us and share us!



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## Class Preparation

We offer a variety of curriculums, programs, formats and very flexible scheduling, so it is important that we are all on-time for each lesson. Please be prepared at least 10 minutes before the class starts. This includes having your uniform on and belt tied. Your instructor will arrive approximately 10 -15 minutes before your lesson starts to get set up. Make sure to bring a gym towel and a bottle of water.

## Class Attire

We offer a casual training environment and allow you to wear either your full uniform or karate pants and a school T-Shirt instead of the uniform top (Gi). Your T-Shirt **must** be tucked into your pants, even if it is under your Gi.

Uniform pants are almost always made too long. Please ensure that your uniform pants are not on the floor, they should be hemmed to sit above the top of your foot. If you need assistance getting your uniform pants hemmed, please let us know.

You will be allowed to wear sweatpants or other loose-fitting pants while your uniform is on order or while your pants are being hemmed. **No shorts will be allowed during training.** During regular classes you must wear:

- Properly fitting uniform pants, Gi and karate belt, **or**
- Properly fitting uniform pants, school T-Shirt and karate belt.

## Promotion & Promotion Readiness Training Session Attire

- Your full, properly fitting uniform is required for all promotions and all promotion readiness training sessions (uniform pants, Gi and belt). **There are no exceptions.**

## Belt Promotion Testing

Belt promotions, or rank promotions, are considered an honor for each student to participate in. Students are eligible for promotion testing after completing the minimum required hours of training for their level, as well as being able to meet all the requirements of the rank they are promoting to in order to advance in their training.

A belt rank requirements sheet will be made available to you when you begin training for your next rank so you will know exactly what is needed when you test for your next rank promotion.

Eligibility is **not a guarantee** that you will be promoted; however, we are here to work with you as much as you need to ensure you are ready.



As mentioned earlier, you **must wear** your full, properly fitting uniform to belt promotions and to all belt promotion readiness training sessions. If you are not wearing your full uniform for either event, with properly fitted pants, Gi, and a properly tied belt, then you will not be permitted to participate in promotions or promotion readiness training sessions. **There are no exceptions.**

When your instructor feels you are ready, you will receive a letter of invitation to participate in the promotion test. You will need to register online, at:

<https://travelingdojomartialarts.com/belt-promotion-registration/>. There is a fixed fee of \$50 for each belt promotion test for ranks under black belt. Black belt promotions are proctored by the Grandmaster of the Uchudo International Martial Arts Federation, and as such the fees for black belt promotions are in accordance with the federation's fee schedule. This will be discussed with you at the appropriate time.

**Remember**, an invitation or participation in promotion testing is not a guarantee that you will be promoted. **Your promotion is 100% up to you!**

If you do not pass your promotion test, you will not be charged the promotion test fee to re-test. Your instructor may decide to hold your re-test during one of your classes or they may decide you need to wait until the next promotion test opportunity.

### **Belt Promotion Readiness Training Sessions**

Belt promotion readiness training sessions are included at no additional cost and are scheduled approximately 6-8 weeks before the promotion test date. No registration is required for the readiness sessions.

Belt promotion readiness training sessions are intended to review all material that you will be tested on and prepare you for your promotion test.

### **Apparel & Equipment**

Some apparel we must purchase for you because of customizations for our school. Other items you may purchase yourself or we can purchase for you. We have a wholesale relationship with Century Martial Arts and Asian World of Martial Arts (AWMA Proforce) and are happy to extend our wholesale discounts directly to you. We are not in the business of selling apparel, so we do not mark up any of the items you purchase from us.

### **Uniforms & T-Shirts**

Uniforms and T-Shirts must be ordered through The Traveling Dojo.

We do not maintain an inventory of uniforms or T-Shirts, so we will order your apparel as needed.



To make sure you get a uniform that fits as close as possible to your body style, we ask for certain information. Note that even though we ask for this information, uniform fit will vary and often the pants will need to be hemmed. For younger students we try to leave room to grow into the uniform.

- Age
- Height
- Weight
- Shoulder width
- Inseam
- T-Shirt size

### **Protection Gear**

When you reach a certain level, you will be participating in activities that require protective gear, and you may also be participating in weapons training activities. Safety gear and martial arts weapons are readily available online at many different retailers, and we do not require any specific brand or need any customizations. However, we are happy to utilize our wholesale discounts and purchase protective gear, weapons or any other accessories you may need or want. We do not mark up the cost of equipment so you can enjoy the same discounts we get.

### **Events**

We attend events throughout the county to promote our school and showcase our students. Such events include Oktoberfest in Gaithersburg, Rockville Days, National Night Out, Montgomery County Agricultural Fair, and more. We invite students to volunteer and support our school by handing out flyers, helping with games, competitions and prizes, showcasing their forms, kicks, self-defense techniques and other fun activities.

### **Family Discounts & Referrals**

We love it when families and friends train together! We offer discounts for each additional family member that enrolls in any of our programs. We also have referral discounts and rewards when you refer a friend to any of our programs. Check out the deals we have on our website (<https://travelingdojomartialarts.com/specials-and-deals/>) and speak to an instructor about periodic deals we run throughout the year, offering additional discounts.



## Scholarships

We offer scholarships to individuals and families who could benefit from one of our programs. Please contact us if you or someone you know can take advantage of our scholarships; we would be interested in discussing scholarship options with them.

Thank you again so much for choosing The Traveling Dojo! We look forward to seeing you in class as you start your awesome journey in martial arts!

In strength and respect,

*Master Mark, 4<sup>th</sup> Dan Master Instructor*

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