

Dear Students,

As you know, Master Brian Califf will be leaving Vero Beach after many years of teaching Tang Soo Do. Master Califf will continue his involvement in Treasure Coast TSD, the WTSDA and Region 21. Not only will he attend our Black Belt tests and regional events, he will also return to Vero Beach for many of our colored belt tests. We wish him and his family good luck and much success in their new home.

I have assumed the duties of TCTSD head instructor and manager. I would ask that all checks be made out in the name of *John Campbell* in the future. Although I anticipate very few changes to Mr. Califf's successful program, this is a good opportunity to consider any ideas to improve the school and the martial arts experience for all of the students.

Because our records may be inaccurate, I'd like everyone to fill in the very brief form attached and either bring it to class, or email it to me. For your convenience, I'll have an electronic version of the form on our club web page. The second section of the form is optional, as it deal with what changes you might like to see.

For those who are not acquainted with me, I started training in the martial arts in 1970 in Judo. I have a dozen years of experience in a Japanese style of karate, Shotokan. I have trained with Treasure Coast TSD for about three years. I am usually at the Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday classes, and I try to come early for those who wish to speak with me.

One change we have already adopted is scheduling regular gup (colored) belt tests. The tests will be held about every three months. The next gup test will be on Saturday, November 1, at 10:00 AM. The following scheduled gup test will be on Saturday, February 14, 2009. Generally, there will *not* be make-up dates. If a student is unable to attend or qualify for a scheduled test, he or she can test on the next scheduled date. WTSDA HQ has determined that the minimum time between tests is ninety (90) days, and the minimum number of classes to be eligible is twenty-four (24). These are the same standards observed by WTSDA studios everywhere, and we must respect them. Accordingly, students *must have the minimum number of classes attended* before testing. Although we hope that every eligible student will test as soon as eligible, students may elect to wait a cycle before testing. We want the students to be comfortable, so all tests are voluntary. Bear in mind that part of the martial arts experience is discovering that you can exceed your own expectations.

Since the number of classes attended is important, please be sure you **sign in at every class**.

Don't hesitate calling or emailing me.

Thanks.

John Campbell
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772-532-6165

Student name _____

Other students same family
(only 1 form per family) _____

Home address _____

Contact telephone _____

2nd phone _____

email address _____

Optional Questions

Would you prefer other times or days of the week for classes? Describe:

If weekday classes were available for adults and teenagers only, either early in the morning or at lunch time, would you attend? _____

If Christi's offered a membership discount to Treasure Coast TSD families, would you consider joining? _____

Do you want to be included in an email list for a Treasure Coast newsletter? _____

For students only: I'd like to see...

More sparring_____

More experts from other schools_____

More forms_____

More training with other schools_____

More weapons_____

More social events _____

More basics_____

Club t-shirts or jackets _____

Anything else? _____

We have a club web page, which is usually up to date for schedules and special events. The club pages also have a number of links with karate videos, lessons for learning kicks and other techniques, sample black belt written tests, and other interesting web sites.

<http://treasurecoast-tangsoodo.org/>

We also have a Region 21 web page, which contains much of the same information.

<http://www.wtsda-region21.com/>

This is your karate club. Please let us know how we can improve it for you. My email is jccampbel@comcast.net. I can also be reached through the email links on both the club page and the region 21 pages. As soon as Mr. Califf gets settled and obtained a new email address, I will post it prominently on both the club and Region pages.