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2010 Championships a Success!!

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Early this August, the 8th Triennial World Hap Ki Do Championships proved to be a success in virtually every possible way for Grand Master Hee Kwan Lee and Korean Martial Arts, LLC (KMA), headquarters of the International Hap Ki Do Federation-USA (IHFUSA).

Lee and his staff spent three years preparing for the World Championships, which attracted several hundred competitors from more than ten different countries and four continents. It was the largest event of its kind ever to be held in Battle Creek, and it presented Lee's students and instructors with an unprecedented opportunity to demonstrate their competence as martial artists.

On August 6, the IHFUSA Demonstration Team, headquartered at KMA, rose to the challenge and took first place in the Group Demonstration division, kicking off a solid winning streak for KMA that would last for the remainder of the Championships. KMA students made a strong showing in all events, with many students who had limited or no competition experience winning first, second and third place spots – not bad for an international competition.

The championships were a resounding victory not only for the participants, but for the staff and the community as a whole. Lee attributes much of the Championship's success to the support it received from around the Battle Creek area, as well as the rest of west Michigan.

"We have received such great support from all of our sponsors," says Lee. "Without them, there would never have been a championship at all."

The World Hap Ki Do Championships were sponsored by Kellogg, Post, KWON USA, Graphix 2 Go, the Battle Creek Han Mee Church, OT's Up In Smoke, Henkel Chrysler Jeep Dodge, and the McCamly Plaza Hotel.

The Battle Creek Community Foundation and the Kellogg Foundation helped to set up the event, along with the Battle Creek Visitor's Bureau.

"We are very grateful to all of the organizations who dedicated their time and talents to working with us to make this thing happen," said Lee, "Their help was invaluable, they really showed the heart of our community."

With the conclusion of the 2010 Championships, Lee's focus will now turn to building the KMA organization, including demonstrations around the community to show youth what Hap Ki Do is all about. The IHFUSA Demonstration Team will put on shows at area schools this fall and winter; their schedule will be available online at www.koreanma.com.

KMA's next major Hap Ki Do tournament will be the Canadian International Open Hap Ki Do Championship, which will take place in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada, next August.

KMA Closed for Labor Day

KMA will be closed on Labor Day,
Monday, September 6.

Please remember to thank our military
personnel and emergency workers for serving
us on Labor Day, as they do every other day.



KMA Schedule

Mon: 10:00-10:50am	Family Class (All ages and all ranks)
Mon: 3:00-5:00pm	Private Lessons
Mon: 5:00-5:30pm	Little Eagle Group 1 (4-6 year olds)
Mon: 5:45-6:30pm	Kids (White thru Green Belts, ages 7-12)
Mon: 6:40-7:30pm	Teen/Adult (All ranks, 13 years old & older)
Mon: 7:40-8:30pm	Family Class (All ages and all ranks)
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Tue: 3:00-5:00pm	Private Lessons
Tue: 5:00-5:30pm	Little Eagle Group 2 (4-6 year olds)
Tue: 5:45-6:30pm	Kids (Blue thru Black Belts, ages 7-12)
Tue: 6:40-7:30pm	Family Class (All ages and all ranks)
Tue: 7:40-8:30pm	Teen/Adult (All ranks, 13 years old & older)
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Wed: 10:00-10:50am	Family Class (All ages and all ranks)
Wed: 3:00-5:00pm	Private Lessons
Wed: 5:00-5:30pm	Little Eagle Group 1 (4-6 year olds)
Wed: 5:45-6:30pm	Kids (White thru Green Belts, ages 7-12)
Wed: 6:40-7:30pm	Teen / Adult (All ranks, 13 years old & older)
Wed: 7:40-8:30pm	Family Class (All ages and all ranks)
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Thu: 3:00-5:00pm	Private Lessons
Thu: 5:00-5:30pm	Little Eagle Group 2 (4-6 year olds)
Thu: 5:45-6:30pm	Kids (Blue thru Black Belts, ages 7-12)
Thu: 6:40-7:30pm	Family Class (All ages and all ranks)
Thu: 7:40-8:30pm	Teen/Adult (All ranks, 13 years old & older)
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Fri: 3:00-5:00pm	Private Lessons
Fri: 5:45-6:30pm	Family Class (All ages and all ranks)
Fri: 6:40-7:30pm	Kids Demo Team (Team Members only)
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Sat: 9:30-10:20am	Kids (All ranks, ages 7-12)
Sat: 10:30-11:20am	Teen / Adult (All ranks, 13 years old & older)
Sat: 11:30-12:30am	Demo Team & Black Belt



****REMINDERS****

**All students must bring sparring gear
to every class!**

AND

**Saturday Gup testings are at 3:30p.m.
All morning classes will proceed as
scheduled.**

Give Your Child the Edge!

Many kids today are spending far too much time
glued to the TV or computer. As a result, they are
not getting the exercise they desperately need to
maintain a healthy lifestyle. Science has shown that
the habits we develop as children will form the basis
of our lifestyle as adults. It is now more important
than ever to give your child the tools and education
they need to make healthy lifestyle choices!

Life Skills – Not Just Martial Arts...At KMA, kids
learn more than just punching & kicking. Important
life skills are taught, which will help to prepare them
for the demands of the modern world, such as:
teamwork, discipline, self-control, courtesy, respect.
Martial arts skills they will learn include: focus,
balance, coordination, fitness, self-confidence.

Hap Ki Do is for ALL ages...At KMA, our
curriculum is divided into age-specific categories
suited to all fitness levels:

Little Eagles Program – Focuses on the
development of life skills and prepares students to
enter the kid's Hap Ki Do program.

Kid's Hap Ki Do – Focuses on developing martial
arts skills and teaches kids self-confidence. Here is
where we begin the development of future leaders.

Teen Hap Ki Do – Focuses on further development
of martial arts skills, as well as developing teens as
positive role models and smart decision makers.
This class is also geared to meeting the athletic
demands of teens involved in school sports.

Adult Hap Ki Do – Focuses on traditional
Hap Ki Do training – mental and physical. This
class will develop a more sophisticated
understanding of the martial arts. This class is
suitable to adults of all ages and fitness levels.

**Back to school special: Bring this newsletter
with you to sign up to receive a free uniform!
Offer valid through 9/30/10.**

~ Never doubt the value of volunteers...

Noah's Ark was built by volunteers;
the Titanic was built by professionals. ~



Thank you KMA Volunteers!!!

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