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## KIM SOO KARATE OF BAYTOWN KID TIGERS PROGRAM LETTER

Dear New Student and Parent,

Thank you for choosing our Dojang for your experience in the martial arts. We are a traditional martial arts system teaching a comprehensive self-defense program while building character and confidence in our students. Chayon-Ryu was founded in 1968 by Korean **Grandmaster Kim Pyung-Soo**, who came to the United States to share his knowledge of the martial arts. **Chayon-Ryu**, or **Natural Way**, is a system of martial arts developed to sustain its practitioner from the inside and uses natural movements and abilities to allow freedom-of-flow of techniques and balanced routines. Its philosophy of non-violence enables the individual to practice daily without the need for mere speed, power, and the lure of competition. Chayon-Ryu students do not participate in tournaments.

**About Kid Tigers:** This program offers children a strong foundation in essential character qualities such as courtesy, respect, and discipline. In addition, the program is designed to improve children's motor skills and enhance their ability to pay attention and follow directions. This class is designed to help kids assimilate into regular Chayon-Ryu martial arts classes once they reach the enrollment age (5), and is not a stand-alone martial arts program, though they will have an introduction to martial arts techniques. All classes are taught using the most safe, fun, and exciting instruction methods available for this age group. **Requirements: must be potty trained.**

### Teaching Staff:

**Chief Instructor**, Kyo Sa Nim, Melissa L. Nichols, 1<sup>st</sup> Dan Black Belt.

**Assistant Instructor**, Jo Kyo Nim, Melissa G. Dabney, 5<sup>th</sup> Gup Blue Belt.

**Class schedule: effective Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> –Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 2016**

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Instructor</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	1:15-1:45pm	<b>Kid Tigers Regular Class</b>	Kyo Sa Nim/Jo Kyo Nim
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00-6:30pm	<b>Kid Tigers Regular Class</b>	<i>Kyo Sa Nim</i>

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** As Kim Soo Baytown is part of an international martial arts organization, we participate in the system events at the world headquarters dojang in Spring Branch. These include rank exams (for older students) and Tuksu Suryon (required classes for instructors). When these events affect our Saturday class schedule, we will reschedule those classes for the Monday following the event. Advanced notice will be given.

**Attire:** All students must wear a **white** traditional Karate-style uniform, called a dobok, with the Kid Tigers patch. Check our suppliers guide for where to purchase uniforms and equipment



**Tuition and Fees:** Tuition is due at the beginning of each month. Students who have not paid tuition will not be able to participate in class. In the past, children who got dropped off by parents, without having paid, were required to sit the class out and not participate. In order to avoid this, we use Square Invoicing, which automatically sends invoices at the

beginning of each month so parents know it is time to pay dues. So please provide a VALID email address where you can be reached, at the time of registration. **Payment options:** debit cards, credit cards, personal checks, cash, money orders, and PayPal (through our website, [www.kimsoobaytown.com/classes.html](http://www.kimsoobaytown.com/classes.html)).

**Regular monthly tuition is \$52.** We offer “Sibling Discounts” for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> child.

**Dojang Rules & Etiquette:** The dojang, or training hall, is revered in traditional martial arts as a sacred space set aside for the study of “the way.” There is a specific set of rules for behavior inside the dojang. In order for students to get the most out of their training, and to keep a safe environment, these rules must be adhered to by everyone from white belt to black belt. **Kid Tigers will be introduced to these rules over time, and become accustomed to proper dojang behavior.**

1. Use the restroom **BEFORE** class. Parents, make sure your tiger has gone before class begins.
2. **No shoes.** We train barefoot except with special permission from the instructor.
3. **Bowing.** We bow when we enter or exit the dojang area, to senior students, instructors, and the flags, and at various times during class. Bowing shows respect.
4. No dressing in the dojang area. Put jacket and belt on before entering. You must be ready to train when you enter.
5. **Stay in your spot.** Do not move without permission. This is done for safety.
6. **No horse play,** talking out of turn, or disruption of the class will be allowed. This is a self-defense based system, and this is necessary for the safety and smooth operation of the dojang. **No running!**
7. We refer to each other as “Sir” or “Ma’am” inside the dojang. We use proper manners and a good attitude. **No outbursts, temper tantrums, or negative attitudes will be tolerated.**
8. If you are late, go to the back of the line, bow in, and join the class. Explain to your instructor after class why you were late. Do not interrupt a class that is in session.
9. **Do not talk without permission in class.** This is distracting and can affect the safety of others.
10. Learn the dojang hun (training hall oath), and abide by its principles in the dojang.
11. If you are going to be absent, let the instructor know ahead of time, via text, email, or phone.

**Student Resources:** Visit our website and Facebook page for information, updates, pictures, videos, payment options, and more. [www.kimsoobaytown.com](http://www.kimsoobaytown.com) <https://www.facebook.com/KimSooBaytown>

## **Martial Arts Supply Guide**



**Kid Tigers Patch – purchase from instructor (\$7)**



### **UNIFORMS:**

**Tigerstrike** [www.tigerstrike.com](http://www.tigerstrike.com) Their uniforms start at \$12.99 for the student-type karate uniform. Please remember **WHITE** uniforms only for students. **SEWING SERVICE:** we offer sewing services for attaching patches and name embroidery. \$5 per patch, **embroidered name patch \$10** Sewing must be paid for in advance.