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## KIM SOO KARATE OF BAYTOWN NEW STUDENT GUIDE 2017



Dear New Student *and/or 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, founded in 1968 by 10<sup>th</sup> degree black belt 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. Chayon-Ryu is a system of teaching classical martial arts. Six Asian martial arts go to make up the Chayon-Ryu Natural Way system: Karate, Kung-Fu, Taekwondo, Judo/Jujitsu, Aikido/Hapkido, Bong Sul.**

### Teaching Staff:

**Founding Grandmaster**, Chong Jae Nim, **Kim Pyung-Soo**, 10<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt (*oversees the system and rank exams*).

**Chief Instructor**, Kyo Sa Nim, **Melissa L. Nichols**, 1<sup>st</sup> Dan Black Belt. (*ten years teaching experience*)

**Assistant Instructor**, Jo Kyo Nim, **Melissa G. Dabney**, 4<sup>th</sup> Gup Purple Belt.



*Grandmaster Kim Soo, Kyosanim Nichols, Jokyonim Dabney*

### FALL 2017 CLASS SCHEDULE Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> , 2017

DAY	CLASS	TIME	INSTRUCTORS
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>COMBINED TRAINING (all levels)</b>	7:00pm-8:00pm	Kyosanim / Jokyonim
<b>Friday</b>	<b>KID TIGERS Pre-Karate</b>	5:30pm-6:00pm	Kyosanim/Jokyonim
	<b>COMBINED TRAINING (all levels)</b>	6:00pm-7:00pm	Kyosanim/Jokyonim
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>KID TIGERS Pre-Karate</b>	1:00pm -1:30pm	Kyosanim
	<b>COMBINED TRAINING (all levels)</b>	1:30pm-2:30pm	Kyosanim

Colored belt students may attend any class times. Kid Tigers may only attend their scheduled time (this is done for safety). Beginners may attend combined training times.

**Tuition and Fees:** Tuition is due at the beginning of each month. *Terms: While we do not have a contract with automatic billing on your bank account; once you register, tuition is monthly, unless you formally withdraw. This means, tuition is charged for each month, even if you are absent. Chayon-Ryu students may attend as many classes as are offered per month for the \$65 rate. \*\*\*Students who wish to pay by the class may use the private lesson tuition rate.\*\*\**

Students who have not paid tuition will not be able to participate in class, or qualify for rank examinations. In the past, children dropped off by parents, without having paid, were required to sit the class out and not participate. In order to avoid this hassle, we use Square Invoicing, which automatically sends invoices at the beginning of each month so parents/students know it is time to pay dues. PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH A VALID EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THIS PURPOSE. We accept credit cards via **Square**, and **PayPal for online payments** as well as **personal checks, cash, and money orders**. *You can even set up automatic payments via our pay pal service. A \$15 late fee is charged for payments made after the tenth day of the month.*

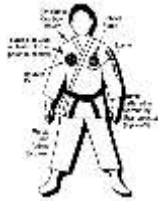
**Regular monthly tuition is \$65. Registration fee is \$20.** We offer discounts for the following who qualify: Group Friends and Families-(4 or more people) Sibling Discounts (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> child discounts), Senior Citizens. *Ask about our enrollment specials.*

**Private Lesson tuition is \$25 for 1 hour + \$12.50 for each additional half hour.**

**Black Belt Club Membership is \$15 per class. Registration fee is \$5.** Green belt level and above.

**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 white belt to black belt.**

1. Use the restroom and drink water **BEFORE** class. If you have an emergency, bow out and take care of it. **Do not interrupt the class.**
2. **No shoes.** We train barefoot except with special permission from the instructor. If you have special needs requiring footwear, talk to the instructor. *No sock feet on the training hall floor.*
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. Be in your complete uniform before entering the training area. You must be ready to train when you enter.**
5. **Uniform and person must be clean! No odor or dirty hands for feet, no cologne, or cigarette smoke odor on dobok. This is a contact art, we are very close to each other, be respectful of classmates. TIE LONG HAIR UP!**
6. **No horse play, running around the dojang, or talking out of turn.**
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. **No free sparring, breaking, or teaching other students without instructor permission. Ever.**
9. If you are late, line up behind the lowest ranked student, bow in and join the back line of the class. Explain to your instructor after class why you were late. **Do not interrupt a class that is in session.**
10. **Bring water in reseal able containers only. Keep it in your bag until water break is given. No containers should be within view. (Dance students are not allowed to bring water, so please be discreet).**
11. **Bring all equipment to every class.** You may use it, you may not, but part of the training is, to always be ready. This includes uniform, sparring pads, and jang bong and dan bong, and a binder to keep handouts in.
12. Learn the dojang hun, and abide by its principles in the dojang.
13. **If you are going to be absent, let the instructor know ahead of time, via text, email, or phone.**
14. Parents-please make sure your child is fed before class; a small snack of almonds, fruit, or yogurt can sustain them through training; but no student can learn with low blood sugar.
15. **If you have a physical limitation or medical condition—**Tell the instructors **before** you start training! We can tailor training to your needs, but we must be informed.



**Attire:** All students must wear a **white or black (yellow belt and above)** traditional Karate style uniform, called a dobok. **No other color is allowed for students under the rank of 4<sup>th</sup> Gup Purple Belt.** The school and system emblem patches must be worn on the dobok, along with the student's first and last name under the school patch on the left breast. Instructors sell our patches through the system; check our suppliers guide for where to purchase uniforms and equipment.



There are three patches in all, and they are available for purchase from the instructor.

The cost of each patch is **\$7.50, the back uniform emblem \$10.00. Total for a set of three patches: \$25.00**

**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.**



**Equipment:** We require soft cloth sparring pads. **Foam padding, or ribbed armor are not allowed.** Plain cotton cloth pads that cover back of hand/forearm and shin/top of foot. See the martial arts supplies information sheet provided for where to purchase. **NO STUDENT MAY SPAR IN CLASS WITHOUT PADS**

Colored belt students will need a **jang-bong** (Long staff) also called a **Bo Staff** (see instructor for details), and 2 **dan-bong**, short fighting sticks (escrima sticks).

### Student Resources:



We have set up resources for students and parents, to utilize to get the most out of your training. Please use them, and learn about your art. Visit the website and Facebook page often.

ALL VITAL INFORMATION GETS POSTED TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE! CHECK THE PAGE WEEKLY FOR UPDATES! Weather closures, schedule changes, special events, etc., will be posted there. *We do send out emails, but it is the responsibility of the students to keep up with the dojang updates.* You can find these resources at:

Kim Soo Karate of Baytown Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/KimSooBaytown/>

Kim Soo Karate of Baytown website: [www.kimsoobaytown.com](http://www.kimsoobaytown.com)

Inside Chayon-Ryu-online magazine: <http://insidechayon-ryu.blogspot.com/>

\*\*\*Please utilize these resources—students are responsible for the content whether they choose to use them or not\*\*\*

### Martial Arts Supply Guide



We recommend the following suppliers for uniforms and equipment:

**Tigerstrike** [www.tigerstrike.com](http://www.tigerstrike.com) For cloth sparring pads and student weight karate uniforms. Their uniforms start at \$12.99 for the student-type karate uniform. Please remember WHITE uniforms only for white belt-Orange belt.

Yellow belt and up may wear a black uniform.