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### KIM SOO KARATE OF BAYTOWN NEW STUDENT LETTER 2015

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 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.

**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.

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

### SPRING 2016 CLASS SCHEDULE Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Wednesdays	BEGINNERS (white/orange)	6:00pm-6:30pm	Kyosanim / Jokyonim
	INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED	6:30pm-7:15pm	Kyosanim
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Fridays	BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE (white/orange)	7:00pm-7:30pm	Kyosanim/ Jokyonim
	INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED	7:30-8:15pm	Kyosanim
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Saturdays	KID TIGERS	1:00pm-1:30pm	Kyosanim/ Jokyonim
	COMBINED TRAINING, all levels	1:30-2:30pm	Kyosanim

Colored belt students may attend any class times. White belt beginners must attend beginner class to get instruction in fundamentals of martial arts. Kid Tigers may only attend their scheduled time (this is done for safety). Beginners may attend combined training times with instructor permission and supervision.



**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/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 beginning in January, 2016.

**Regular monthly tuition is \$60. Registration fee is \$15.** 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)

**Professional Discounts** for: teachers, EMT, Firemen, Police, College Students (with valid ID)/Senior Citizens (60+) **New students-ask about our enrollment specials!**

**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.
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. **No horse play**, talking out of turn or disruption of the class will be allowed. This is a self-defense, fighting based system, and this is necessary for the safety and smooth operation of the dojang. **No running!**
6. 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.
7. **No free sparring without instructor permission. Ever.**
8. **No breaking without instructor permission. Ever.**
9. **No teaching other students without instructor permission.** Even if you are instructor rank, ask first.
10. 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.
11. **Do not talk without permission in class.** This is distracting, and can affect the safety of others and smooth operation of the dojang.
12. **Bring all equipment to every class.** You may use it, you may not, but part of the training is to always be ready.

13. Learn the dojang hun, and abide by its principles in the dojang.
14. **If you are going to be absent, let the instructor know ahead of time, via text, email, or phone.**

**Attire:** All students must wear a **white** 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.



**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. Colored belt students will need a jang-bong (Long staff) also called a Bo Staff (see instructor for details).

**Student Resources:** Kyo Sa Nim has set up resources for students 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. Read the articles published in "INSIDE CHAYON-RYU MAGAZINE." You can find these resources at:

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

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

## Martial Arts Supply Guide



We recommend the following suppliers for uniforms and equipment:

Chayon-Ryu World Headquarters Dojang Store: <http://www.kimsookarate.com/misc-pages/store.html>

Tigerstrike [www.tigerstrike.com](http://www.tigerstrike.com)

For cloth sparring pads and white student weight karate uniforms. Their uniforms start at \$12.99 for the student-type karate uniform. Please remember WHITE uniforms only for white belt-blue belt.

Other suppliers:

**KUNGFU4LESS** ([www.kungfu4less.com](http://www.kungfu4less.com))

**Karate Depot** ([www.karatedepot.com](http://www.karatedepot.com))

**SEWING SERVICE:** we offer sewing services for attaching patches and name embroidery. \$5 per patch, **embroidered name patch \$10** (+ \$5 to sew on) *Sewing must be paid for in advance.*

