



# Alabama Karate Academy

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**What style of martial arts do you teach?** The term “karate” in Alabama Karate Academy, while often used to reference Japanese martial arts, has become generalized over the years and is often used to describe many styles of martial arts. The art we teach is called Tang Soo Do. Tang Soo Do is a Korean art that has roots dating back over 2000 years. It emphasizes discipline, punching and kicking techniques, self defense and etiquette.

**At what age may my child enroll?** We typically accept students who are 5 years old and up, however we will take 4 year olds who are able to follow instructions and class protocol. All students ages 4-6 will be enrolled in our *Little Dragon* program. *Little Dragons* have their own belt system that will prepare them for the standard belt ranking system. Most students will spend 8 to 16 months in this program before moving up to the traditional system. When a student turns 7 years old, he/she will be able to move up to the traditional system.

**How often do we train?** Students should choose 2 days each week to train. There are Beginner classes offered 4 days per week: Mondays and Wednesdays at 4:45, and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30.

**How often do we test?** There will be a test every 2 months. If students have attended the minimum number of classes, learned the necessary techniques & forms and fulfilled all other testing requirements laid out in the Beginners Packet, they should test on time.

**How much is tuition?** Tuition starts at \$75.00 per month. There are, however, other costs associated with your martial arts training; registration, gear, testing fees, etc. For more information regarding costs and fees, please see the “How Much?” included in this packet.

**Is there a contract?** At AKA there are three levels of training leading up to Cho Dan Bo (or Black Belt Candidate): Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced. When you first enroll as an AKA Member, you are committing to complete the 8 month Beginner course. You will sign a contract agreeing to pay tuition for the duration of this course. Once the student has graduated the beginner course he may choose to enroll in the Intermediate course or discontinue training. For information on non-member enrollment see the “How much?” sheet included in this packet.

**How long will it take to make Black Belt?** A student who trains continuously, tests on time and fulfills all necessary requirements will be able to test for black belt in 2½ to 3 years.

**Who will be teaching my child?** Our chief instructor, Master John Leger (4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt), and his associate Mr. Todd Newsom (3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt) have each received instructor certifications from the World Tang Soo Do Association and the Atlantic-Pacific Tang Soo Do Federation. They each have a passion for teaching children and working with parents to ensure that they get the most out of their Tang Soo Do training.

