

# Diamond Blast

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## Birthdays in June/July

Jun 08: Scott Hayes  
Jun 08: Chuck Kuchta  
Jun 09: Larry Buttell  
Jun 09: Lucas Haddad  
Jun 11: Myles Brooks  
Jun 13: Erin Gotlieb  
Jun 13: Hamza Hanafi  
Jun 28: Peter Robustelli  
Jun 29: Victoria Santa Lucia  
Jul 01: Henry Kuchta  
Jul 01: Jordan Rosa  
Jul 11: Anthony Alvino  
Jul 14: Colin Sperandio

## Upcoming Events

Jun 17-21: Summer Camp Session 2  
Jul 13-14: World championships  
Jul 19: Next black belt test  
Aug 15: Next rank test  
Oct 18-19: Fall nationals

## Taekwondo Specialty Summer Camp 2

Summer Camp Session 2 will run from June 17-21, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm – and you can stay for taekwondo on Mon, Tue, and Thu!

Our camps involve many fun and enriching activities. We train, learn, play, explore, and most important... WE HAVE FUN!

These camps are primarily for the benefit of our students, but enrollment is open to all children, so if you would like to have a great time with your friends, ask them (and their parents) if they would like to attend.

For enrollment, see Master Nelson.

## Closed on Fridays in July

Our class schedule will stay basically the same through the summer. The only exception is that we will be closed on Fridays throughout July.

## Student of the Month

**Erin Gotlieb**  
**Congratulations!!!**

## Our New District Champions

Congratulations to our new district champions!

Jennifer Wartberg  
Robert Sloan  
Naji Wehbe, Jr.  
Jolyn Forney  
Scott Hayes (3)  
Kenya Fletcher (2)

## Find the Pattern

What do these words have in common?

Footloose  
Committed  
Successful  
Address  
Millennium

## Did You Know?

If a bathtub could hold all the water on earth, a half-gallon container would hold all of the fresh water – the rest would be seawater.

The Gulf Stream moves 70,000,000 tons of water per second – one thousand times the discharge of the Mississippi River.

## Boca Tournament

We hosted our biennial Boca ATA Championship Tournament on April 20. Thanks to everyone -- students, instructors, and parents -- for all your help!



## Becoming an Official ATA Champion

Everyone who trains in taekwondo achieves important personal goals. But are you interested in becoming an official ATA State, District, or World Champion? To achieve one of those goals, you have to meet eligibility requirements and you must participate in tournaments.

When you place first, second, or third, you get tournament points in that category of competition (for example, forms, sparring, traditional weapon forms, creative weapon forms, etc.). The number of points you get depends on the class of the tournament -- C, B, A, AA, or AAA. C, B, and A tournaments are regional; AA and AAA are the national and world championships.

At the end of the tournament season (which starts with the World Championship in Arkansas), the state champion in a given division (black or color belt) is the competitor in that state who has the most tournament points.

The top 10 competitors for each competitive category and division in each state are eligible to compete in a special district championship for their region of the country. The division championship takes place between the end of the regular tournament season and the World Championship.

For each division and category of competition, the top 10 black belts from all around the world who have the most tournament points participate in a special competition at the World Championship in Little Rock to see who will be that year's ATA World Champions. District champions are guaranteed an invitation to this competition. It's an honor just to be in the Top 10, but the highest honor is to be a World Champion.

The complete rules are available at [www.ataonline.com](http://www.ataonline.com), but if you're interested in pursuing one of these goals, see Master Nelson or any of the other senior instructors.