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57th Gup Shim Sa Announcement & 18th Dan Classing Examination

Dear Students and Parents,

I am happy to announce **South Hills Karate Academy's 57th Gup Promotion Shim Sa & ITA 18th Dan Classing Examination (Testing)**. The testing list is shown at the bottom of this communication! **Please read through this communication carefully!**

The **57th Gup Promotion Shim Sa & ITA 18th Dan Classing Examination** will take place on **Saturday, April 24th in Rocky River, OH (Cleveland Area)**. **This is a very special opportunity!**

This is a great opportunity to test and practice with students and members of our affiliated studio, **Riverview Martial Arts**. Master Alan Ritvo and I have planned an exciting day and opportunity for students for both South Hills Karate Academy and Riverview Martial Arts and trips like this can be really fun!

The day has been set up so the trip can be made in one day or if needed students and family can stay over and visit Cleveland and Rocky River Ohio. It will be a great time!

The day will include the following:

- **Student Testing**. Please see the eligibility list below
- Ko Dan Ja & Yu Dan Ja (**Black Belt Testing**) and Recertification
- A **practical application** clinic where students have the opportunity to learn and apply the practical self-defense techniques contained on the traditional forms of Tang Soo Do
- A special **Chi Gong** (energy) training session

You can attend the training session even though you may not be eligible for testing. If you are testing, your testing fee covers the cost of the training clinic! I hope that you are able to attend as this will be an exciting day!

I realize that not everyone will be attend this event in Rocky River and those students who are eligible for testing will have an opportunity to test at an alternative day and time in April/May at the South Hills Karate Academy location. This will be for Gups only. I will make more information on this available in the future.

The 57th Gup Promotion Shim Sa & ITA 18th Dan Classing Examination Day Itinerary:

- **10:30AM - 12:00PM:** Student Gup Testing
- **12:00PM - 1:30PM:** Lunch (on your own)
- **1:30PM - 3:30PM:** 18th Dan Classing Examination & Recertification
- **4:00PM - 6:00PM:** Hyung Application & Chi Gong Clinic
- **6:00PM - 8:00PM:** Group Dinner





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Master Alan Ritvo and I have set the itinerary so the trip can be made in one day. If you intend to stay over there are a number of us who are staying here:

Four Points Sheraton Cleveland
4181 W 150th St, Cleveland, OH

Directions to the event location: [Riverview Martial Arts](#)

South Hills Karate Academy's 57th Gup Promotion Shim Sa & ITA 18th Dan Classing Examination (Testing) list below will be posted at the school. The list is based on current attendance and student progression.

- ➡ **If your name does not appear on the list and you feel you are eligible for testing please see Master Garbowsky!**
- ➡ **You must let me know of your intent to participate in the Rocky River event and have your forms turned in no later than Friday April 16th!**

You must fill out:

1. The appropriate testing form (links below)
2. Event Registration & Information Form [here](#)

Please pick up a copy of the test and registration forms form during class. The test form must be filled out completely. If you need help filling out the forms, please see Master Garbowsky. In addition, all students are expected to have on their Dobalks a South Hills Karate Academy School Patch.

- The current **Gup Test Form** can be downloaded here: [Gup Test Form](#)
- **Black Belt Recertification** Form can be found here: [Yu Dan Ja Test Form](#)
- The Black Belt Rank Test Form can be found here: [Dan Testing Form](#)

The testing fees are **\$50.00 for Gup Students** and **\$60.00 for Black Belts** and covers the cost of the clinic! **If you only are attending the clinic there is a separate \$35.00 fee. You can register and pay online [here](#). A completed testing form is still required to be submitted.**

Please review your current testing requirement contained in the latest version of our Student Gup Manual here: [Gup Manual and Requirements](#)

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Student	Current Rank	Eligible For	Location
Ko Dan Ja Candidates			
Alan Ritvo	5th Dan	6th-Dan	RIVERVIEW
Cho Dan Candidate			
Corrinne Schultz	2nd Pre-Test	Cho-Dan	SHKA
Ko Dan Ja Recertification			
Denny Pruni	4th Dan	Recertification	SHKA
Kevin Fedorchak	4th Dan	Recertification	SHKA
Garrett Treager	4th Dan	Recertification	SHKA
Yu Dan Ja Recertification			
Brian Mulvain	Ee-Dan	Recertification	SHKA
Colton Boring	Cho-Dan	Recertification	SHKA
Sydney Sodini	Cho-Dan	Recertification	SHKA
Katie Schreiber	Cho-Dan	Recertification	SHKA
AJ Schreiber	Cho-Dan	Recertification	SHKA
Sydney Schreiber	Cho-Dan	Recertification	SHKA
Lilly Goe	Cho-Dan	Recertification	SHKA
Kyo Sa Certification			
Sydney Schreiber	Cho-Dan	Kyo Sa	SHKA
Yu Gup Ja Testing			
Nicole McCambridge	2nd Gup	1st Gup	SHKA
Kylin Duell	2nd Gup	1st Gup	SHKA
Ethan Tamsula	3rd Gup	2nd Gup	SHKA



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Braden Panek	3rd Gup	2nd Gup	SHKA
Carter Hutchison	4th Gup	3rd Gup	SHKA
Dianne Pruni	4th Gup	3rd Gup	SHKA
Dominic Pruni	6th Gup	5th Gup	SHKA
Akhmed Yusupov	8th Gup	7th Gup	SHKA
Harold Smith	8th Gup	7th Gup	SHKA
Darlene Schreiber	6th Gup	5th Gup	SHKA
Billie Dean Bereznicki	9th Gup	8th Gup	SHKA
Diana DelRosso	9th Gup	8th Gup	SHKA
Avilene Larimer	9th Gup	8th Gup	SHKA
Christina Bereznicki	9th Gup	8th Gup	SHKA
Nico LaFrankie	9th Gup	8th Gup	SHKA
Evegeni Peykov	9th Gup	8th Gup	SHKA
Riley Palko	10th Gup	9th Gup	SHKA
Alexander Nikiforova	10th Gup	9th Gup	SHKA
Heath Fetzko	10th Gup	9th Gup	SHKA
Tyler Edwards	10th Gup	9th Gup	SHKA
Caden Boring	10th Gup	9th Gup	SHKA
Eva Lavrinc	10th Gup	9th Gup	SHKA
Evan Wieclaw	10th Gup	9th Gup	SHKA
Samir Yusupov	10th Gup	9th Gup	SHKA
Ali Radzhapov	10th Gup	9th Gup	SHKA

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However, I believe if you do invest the time to travel to the event it will be worth the effort and experience for both parents and students. It should be a really enjoyable learning experience and fun time for everyone!

Finally, I realize that this is a good deal of information.

Regards,

Master Gene Garbowsky
President & Founder
Independent Tang Soo Do Association

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