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Re: 2023 East Texas Karate Championships

Greetings martial arts instructors and competitors,

We are looking forward to another great martial arts tournament this year. This will be the 18<sup>th</sup> year Colonial Hills has hosted a karate tournament. After a year off because of Covid, we were able to have a great tournament the last two years with lots of fantastic competition. We are excited to repeat that level of competition again this year. Over the last 12 years we have raised over \$60,000 for various mission projects that the American Bushido-Kai Karate Association has supported and been directly involved with.

In 2008 and 2009 the money we raised through the tournament went to fund a land purchase and beginning construction costs for a boy's home in Guatemala. In 2010 the money that was raised went to help build a children's school and orphanage in hurricane stricken Haiti. In 2011-2014 and 2016 the funds went to help fund multiple church refuge homes along the border of Texas and Mexico to help families and orphans that are fleeing from the violence along the border. In 2015 we raised \$13,5000 and were able to help build a women's and children's shelter home, church, and feeding care center in the Philippines. That building is now complete and women are receiving certifications and finding employment. This year we will be continuing to raising funds to support missionaries in the Philippines.

All money raised from our tournaments goes directly to fund missions projects around the world. We attempt to keep our costs low (trophies, advertising, tape, pens, stop watches, etc.) so that most of the funds can be used for ministry. No one is paid during the tournament, everyone that you see helping during the tournament is a volunteer, and we greatly appreciate their hard work and willingness to serve.

This year we will start the competition by 11am and hope to be finished by 4pm. I sincerely hope that you and your students can attend this year. We are looking forward to the great competition and fellowship that always occurs during the tournament. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call. Details and rules will be posted to our FaceBook page: Colonial Hills Bushido-Kai.

Thank you,

Dennis Hurley

Facebook: Colonial Hills Bushido Kai