

Mushinkan Iaido Seminar, 7-9 September 2018
LOCATION: Simpson United Methodist Church (UMC)
6001 Wolff St, Arvada, CO 80003

UPDATES



INSTRUCTOR: Oda Katsuo, Iaido Hanshi 8th Dan

Once again, Oda Katsuo Sensei will be leading the instruction. Oda Sensei was one of the instructors at the first AUSKF Iaido-kendo summer camp. He is currently the chairman of Japan's Iaido 8th Dan examination board and is the principal instructor for the annual All Japan Dojo Federation Iaido seminar.

Assistant instructor will be Mark Uchida Sensei, protégé of Oda Sensei, first AUSKF VP of Education and Iaido Committee Chairman, founder of the AUSKF kendo and Iaido summer camps, 2008 US Iaido champion.

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

- This will be a no-frills seminar with focus on seitei Iaido.
- All participants are responsible for providing their own flight, ground transportation, and lodging.
 - For those who registered on or before September 5th, we will be able to provide transportation to and from the airport, and to and from Simpson church. Just send us your travel itinerary and hotel information.
- Makizushi (sushi rolls) and inarizushi (sushi footballs) from the local Japanese market will be provided for Friday lunch. We will order pizza for Saturday. Sunday lunch will be played by ear. Contributions for lunch expenses will be very much appreciated.
- We will be taking Oda Sensei out to dinner Saturday evening. Seminar participants are welcome to come along. Everyone will be responsible for paying for their own drinks and meal.
- There will be no promotion test offered.

SCHEDULE

The seminar will be three full days, ending Sunday afternoon. Departing flight reservations should be made accordingly. Schedule is subject to change.

Due to the small number of expected participants, the times have been slightly adjusted.

Friday, 7 September

- ~~09:00~~ 09:30 – Check-in, preparation & sword inspection.
- ~~09:45~~ 10:00 – Seitei Iaido instruction for all levels.
- 12:00 – Lunch break
- 13:15 – Resume instruction
- 16:00 – End practice & general cleaning
- 17:00 – All participants must be out of the building

Saturday, 8 September

- ~~08:30~~ 9:30 – Check-in & preparation
- ~~09:00~~ 10:00 – Continuation of seitei instruction. Oda Sensei will also instruct students on how to practice – what students need to do and focus

on to continue progressing on their own, even when high-level instruction is infrequently available.

- 12:00 – Lunch break
- 13:15 – Resume instruction
- 16:00 – End practice, floor wipe-down & general cleaning
- 17:00 – All participants must be out of the building

Sunday, 9 September

- ~~09:00~~ 10:00 – Check-in & preparation
- ~~09:30~~ 10:30 – Instruction will include a very rare opportunity to learn from the chairman of Japan's 8th Dan examination board what to look for when sitting as an examiner for promotional tests and as a competition referee.
- 12:00 – Lunch break
- 13:00 – Resume instruction
- 15:30 – End practice & general cleaning

TO RESERVE A SEAT IN THE SEMINAR

Receipt of the participation fee is all that is needed to secure a place in the seminar. Upon arrival at the seminar, participants will be required to sign a waiver of liability and provide proof of current major medical insurance coverage (showing insurance card is adequate).

NOTE:

- **Participants are required to have major medical insurance coverage.** The AUSKF-provided insurance **IS NOT** major medical.
- Applicants are required to be well practiced in all 12 seitei iaido forms.

SEMINAR FEE & PAYMENT INFO

The seminar fee is \$125 per person – \$50 a day for those who can attend only one or two days.

PayPal is the preferred payment method. Simply go to www.paypal.me/Mushinkan (Note: **DO NOT** CHECK THE BOX NEXT TO “Paying for goods or a service?”)

- **After making payment, please send an email addressed to mushinkankendo@yahoo.com and adelajenmara@yahoo.com. This way, we will be able to pass any additional information to you.**

For those who do not have a PayPal account, payment may be made by check. Checks are to be made payable to ***Mushinkan***.

Mail to: Mark Uchida
2375 So. Eudora St.
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- **If paying by mailed check, please include a note with your email address or a phone number that we can send text messages to.**

There is no application deadline. At-the-door payment will be accepted, but if possible, send us an email ahead of time to let us know you will be attending.

SHINKEN (Forged or Sharpened Steel Swords)

For safety reasons, we will require the use of iaito by participants with iaido ranks below Shodan. We also encourage the use of iaito by those holding iaido rank of shodan or above; however, we are not restricting yudansha use of shinken.

FACILITY

- The use of knee pads and tabi (Japanese socks) is recommended, as the Simpson gym floor is tile on concrete.
- Participants will be required to keep all church facilities orderly and participate in cleaning at the beginning and end of each day. This will include damp-mopping of the gym floor in the traditional manner.
- Simpson UMC members have been invited to observe the seminar. We ask that seminar participants make themselves available to answer any questions observers may have.

LODGING

Below is information on hotels close to Simpson UMC. No special arrangements have been made with any of the listed hotels.

Savannah Suites (approximately 0.8 miles from Simpson UMC)
6455 Sheridan Boulevard, Arvada, CO 80003
savannahsuites.com
(720) 889-2111

Hilton Garden Inn (approximately 2.6 miles from Simpson UMC)
5455 Olde Wadsworth Blvd, Arvada, CO 80002
hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com
(303) 420-9799

Motel 6 (approximately 3.2 mile from Simpson UMC)
3050 W 49th Ave, Denver, CO 80221
motel6.com
(303) 455-8888

Comfort Inn (approximately 4.1 miles from Simpson UMC)
10200 W. I-70 Frontage Rd. S, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033
Phone: (303) 422-6346

Holiday Inn (approximately 4.1 miles from Simpson UMC)
10101 W 48th Ave, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033
Phone: (303) 424-8300

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