

Attention: All Peaceful Dragon students and parents

Kick-A-Thon Fundraiser

To benefit Sadie Mae Maurer,
sister of our student Sam Maurer.

Less than a month from now, on Saturday, January 30th, The Peaceful Dragon will be holding a Kick-A-Thon for the benefit of the Maurer Family.

Sam Maurer is a Young Dragon who trains extra hard and sets a great example of success and leadership qualities. Sadie Mae Maurer is Sam's sister. Sadie was born in January 2006 with Aicardi-Goutieres Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder that affects brain development. Sadie is a very happy little girl, but is not able to sit, walk or talk. She is confined to a wheelchair and requires full-time care. Sadie's family needs to purchase a handicapped van in which to transport her. Christ the King Church in Charlotte has opened a fund at the church to raise money for this van. Here at The Peaceful Dragon we are doing this kick-a-thon to help supplement the church's efforts to raise money for the van.

Please participate or encourage your child to participate in our fundraiser. Fundraisers are an ideal way to teach children how to team together for the good of others and for the community. Each child learns that through **giving** of their time and effort, they bring benefits and happiness to their fellow man.

The following page explains how the Kick-A-Thon will work, and the third page is the Pledge Sheet to record pledges. You can print the pledge sheets, or pick up printed copies at The Peaceful Dragon.

Kicking will take place on January 30th between 10:30am – 2:30pm. If you or your child normally have a class between those hours, the kicks will be done during class time. Otherwise come any time during the kick-a-thon hours. If you or your child will not be available on January 30th to do your kicks we will make other arrangements for you to do them in class ahead of time.

Thanks in advance for your participation and support!

Yours truly,
Master Eric Sbarge
Director and Head Instructor
The Peaceful Dragon

How to Participate in the Sadie Mae Maurer Benefit Kick-A-Thon

1. Each student will use "pledge sheets." You can print out as many sheets as are required, or you can pick them up at our front service counter.
2. These pledge sheets are used for registering "Pledgers" for 'X' cents per kick. Pledgers can be parents, family members, friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc.
3. Our goal is for everyone to do 1000 kicks at the kick-a-thon. This is a very manageable challenge for our teen and adult martial artists, but for children or parents and friends who are not martial artists 500 kicks should be done independently before January 30th, and the sheet signed off by a parent. Then on Saturday you will do the final 500 kicks.
4. All completed pledge sheets must be returned to the school no later than Thursday, January 28th.
5. Kicks will be counted off by volunteer Kick counters until completion of the total 1000 kicks. (Please let us know if you would like to volunteer as a kick counter!)
6. Following the Kick-A-Thon, the pledge sheets will be returned to the students indicating the actual number of kicks completed. The students will then go and collect the money from the pledgers.

Collection Schedule:

1. After completing the kicks each student will take their pledge sheet to each pledger, collect the money and check it off in the "*collected*" column. Important: When signing up pledgers, let them know that they have the option of donating any fixed amount rather than pledging X cents per kick. A fixed donation can be collected at the time of getting the pledge, rather than having to wait until after the kick-a-thon to collect.
2. All money collected should be turned into the school **no later** than Wednesday, February 10th. **Note: Any checks collected should be made out to Christ the King Church – not to The Peaceful Dragon.** Please turn in sheets and monies to the front desk -- Debra will be our treasurer for the Kick-A-Thon and will keep track of all monies collected.

In Appreciation of Your Participation:

*Every Peaceful Dragon student or family member who brings in pledges will receive a Certificate of Participation.

*The top three children (based on total money collected) will win very cool trophies to recognize their charitable efforts!

*All Peaceful Dragon children who participate will be evenly divided into four teams for a Team Competition. The team that brings in the most money will be treated to a special pizza party with a disc jockey playing their favorite music! Team captains will be assigned who will contact you to see how your progress is doing and to help you in any way they can.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any of our staff or instructors. Also, if you have a personal connection with a local retailer or other company that you think you can help with a donation or help in some other way, we will recognize them at the kick-a-thon as a sponsor. Please let us know.

