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Yi's Martial Arts Sponsors DIGIKIDS Events

DIGIKIDS Child Safety ID/CD Program:

Many of Yi's Martial Arts schools will be hosting the DIGIKIDS Child Safety ID/CD Program. This program will give parents some peace of mind, knowing they have all the information in the proper format, to act in minutes, in the event their child was lost or abducted. DIGIKIDS provides parents a PVC Photo ID and a wallet sized CD with photos and vital information on their child. The CD can be given to Law Enforcement and the information can be distributed throughout the region within minutes, and in a missing child situation *time* is critical. This program arms parents with the data they need to act immediately.

In addition to providing an invaluable service to the community, this program could be used as a fund raiser for the 2010 IMA World Championships. Please see your instructor to see when your school host this event, and please let everyone you know with children 12 years and under about this event as you will be helping them and us.

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2009 Garden State Championships

The 33rd Garden State Invitational Championships, held on March 28, 2009, was a huge success. Grandmaster Ki Yun Yi opened the tournament with words of appreciation for the competitors, spectators, and Masters in attendance, and proceeded to present a few awards. First, was the induction of Master Michael Hatton, into the IMA Hall of Fame;



Master Hatton receives Hall of Fame plaque from Grandmaster Yi.

Second, was the induction of Master Florence Soloman, into the IMA Hall of Fame;



Master Soloman receives Hall of Fame plaque from GM Ki Yun Yi.

Finally, after the Hall of Fame inductions, Grandmaster Yi presented the 2008 Instructor of the Year award to

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DIGIKIDS

Here are just some of the benefits of the DIGIKIDS® Child Safety ID/CD Program:

- ✓ Most advanced and effective Child Safety ID/CD program available today
- ✓ High quality digital photos (portrait and profile) on our *wallet sized CD which has quick response software*
- ✓ Quick response software on the child's CD allows all information about the child to be emailed within minutes.
- ✓ Same day delivery (no offsite processing)
- ✓ Absolutely **NO database created** (children's privacy protected)
- ✓ High quality digital portrait on durable PVC ID card
- ✓ Includes take home fingerprint, DNA and dental kit.

In 2009 your local DIGIKIDS® is offering an aggressive fundraising program with our Host program. Our Child ID/CD is a \$29.95 retail value, special school pricing of \$15.00 (duplicate ID/CDs only \$7.00).

What You Should Know About Protecting Your Child

- Don't let your child wear clothing with his or her name on it. A child will tend to pay attention to anyone calling him or her by name.
- Videotape and **take photos of your child two or three times per year, including profile shots.**
- Do not leave a child unattended while shopping, visiting with neighbors or friends, or running errands. Under no circumstances should you leave a child alone in a car or truck.
- Make sure your child always checks with you before going anywhere with anyone.
- Make sure your child learns his or her address and phone number at an early age. A second phone number of a friend or relative is also helpful.
- Teach your child how to make a collect phone call, and to begin with "*Operator...I'm in trouble; I need your help.*"
- If your child is a latch-key kid, make sure that he or she knows to keep all doors and windows locked, never let anyone know that he or she is alone, and never let anyone in the house, not even someone claiming to be a police officer or from the fire department. Those kinds of professionals know to forcibly enter in case of an emergency.
- **Have your child fingerprinted**
- Know whether your child is left or right handed.
- **Keep a written record of all birthmarks, scars and identifying features, like moles or freckles.**
- **Keep a growth chart of your child; know his or her height.**
- Make sure your child knows to scream and run if approached in an alarming way by anyone. Your child should be taught to ALWAYS tell you immediately if he or she is approached by a stranger who asks for help, offers candy/gifts, or frightens him/her in anyway. Your child should know to make you aware of anytime he or she feels uncomfortable with ANYONE.

Information provided by the [Child Search.org](http://ChildSearch.org)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Black Belt Testing
Saturday, April 25, 2009
IMA Headquarters
(See your instructor for time)

Tournaments:

All Ireland Championships – April 4, 2009

Keystone State Invitational – April 18, 2009
Southern Lehigh High School, center Valley, PA

All Martial Arts Open Championship – May 2, 2009
Fitzgerald Field House, University of Pittsburg

Master Chuck Vertolli, of Yi's Karate of Vineland.



Grandmaster Yi presents 2008 Instructor of the Year to Master Vertolli.

We congratulate Masters Hatton, Soloman and Vertolli for their achievements and years of dedicated service to Grandmaster Yi, the IMA, and Tang Soo Do.

Check the next edition of the IMA Sidekick for the tournament Grand Champions.

News from Europe:

by Master S. Nar

In February 2009 Master Nar conducted a Dan testing and seminar in Malta. Following the testing and seminar he did a series of TSD demonstrations in order to help boost the interest in TSD and student membership in Malta.

On April 4th Master Nar will be hosting his 1st All Ireland Invitational Championships. He will be assisted by the Masters from Ireland and the UK. In addition to the individual club team creativity events, there will also be a Masters demonstration, as well as students from Ireland. The event is being well supported by students from the UK.

