

## **My Experience at In W. Kim's Martial Arts Academy**

Being asked to write a recommendation statement on my family's experience under the instruction of Grandmaster In W. Kim is a difficult one. It is difficult only because I'm limited to one page. Volumes could be written regarding our short three years in attendance. I have seen so many degrees and areas of change amongst my family members: my sons and daughters and myself. Even my husband, who has limited involvement because of military obligations, is impressed and has gained a great deal of respect, yes, respect, for our children. Not pride, pride is natural, respect is earned.

Master Kim has amazed me in so many different ways. When it comes to my children I watch them. I watch their personalities. I watch their moods. I try to balance when it's time for them to struggle, when it's time to pick them up again. Sometimes I read the signals wrong but, they're growing and learning and so am I. Why am I telling you about me when this is about their Martial Arts Training experience? Because I have come to learn that I have chosen, not just an activity for my children but a partnership in molding them.

There has been countless times when I go to Master Kim with a concern and have found him already aware of it. Now these aren't large obvious concerns. These are slight, "you probably didn't notice this but..." But, oh yes, he does notice things. He does not react outwardly. Not always. He's amazingly insightful. He does not hurry change in a child. He is patient. He knows that demanding a child to change immediately would not be long lasting. He uses his training and fatherly love to bring about these changes. Remember I said fatherly love. Sometimes that love is in the form of a warm emotion but at times that love is given in a discipline. He has a keen sense of what each child needs. You can't treat all children in the same manner and he knows this.

Because I've been interested in understanding Sabomnim, I've learned things. I've learned things about being a parent and learned I've things about my children that I never knew.

To understand the nature of Sabomnim is to understand the philosophy of In W. Kim's Master Academy. When you entrust your children or yourself to training here, you must trust that you are getting training for the WHOLE person. To be at In W. Kim's Master Academy you are saying that you want to be stronger physically, mentally and emotionally. These are the benefits received from confidence, confidence that comes a stronger you.

When you ask him to help you become this. He takes that partnership to heart and he insures that he and his staff gives you that high quality of training to become what you've asked him to become. Your transformation is his passion. He is not collecting school fees and handing out colors. Every student that comes and goes is a testimony to his craft. What he gives to you goes back into the community. I am so thankful that we were lucky enough to come to In W. Kim's Martial Arts Academy first.

I have become very critical of other schools. I go to tournaments and have seen what Master Kim has drilled into our heads. Our students are simply a different caliber of athlete. Be it the basic twice a week attending person to his elite team of Tigers. A student of Sabomnim's is ready. Their bodies are ready. They are ready in strength, power and correctness that wards off injury. I have seen this at tournaments with schools from all around the State. Our kids, from the basic to the best...are different. We're Master Kim's. We're the example

that should simply be the standard. We're the example of training with integrity. In W. Kim's Martial Arts Academy, this is the REAL thing.

Respectfully,

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