



Taijiquan Enthusiasts Organization
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Taijiquan Enthusiasts Organization is a 501c3 non-profit world-wide organization. We are an open society of Taijiquan enthusiasts dedicated to practicing Taijiquan and Qigong, an ancient Chinese martial art known for both its health benefits as well as functional self defense. Our mission is to share the benefits of Taijiquan. We respect and honor all Taijiquan traditions and styles.

We aim to:

- increase general knowledge of Taijiquan
- increase the quality of Taijiquan everywhere
- maintain a record of taiji history
- understand the Chinese culture, which is the source of Taijiquan
- integrate Taijiquan principles into leadership and conflict resolution programs.

Become a member! The benefits of becoming a member:

- You can share your experiences with other members, and learn from their experiences.
- You can expand your knowledge of taijiquan - and begin to understand styles other than your own.
- You get a membership card.
- You get the opportunity to volunteer at the Annual Festival.
- You get the opportunity to vote for your favorite Taijiquan teacher or school for an award.
- You get the respect of your peers.
- You can have more fun than a barrel full of monkeys trying to do taiji.

Send forms to: Taijiquan Club, PO Box 564, Douglassville, PA 19518-0564.

(you can also apply on-line at <http://Taijiquanenthusiasts.org>)

We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Dues and contributions are tax deductible.

(Only members or sponsors of the TJQE may volunteer at the annual Festival, and only members may vote for awards.)



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Tai Chi Club of Kutztown University

Volunteer Application
for our
Annual Health and Martial Arts
Festival
June 19, 20, & 21, 2009
Kutztown University

(50 Miles NW of Philadelphia, PA)

Taijiquan (Tai Chi) Enthusiasts, Health Practitioners, and Martial Artists of all styles gather together each year to spread the word about the benefits of Taijiquan and other health practices.

Become part of the community.

More details can be found on <http://taiji.taijiquanenthusiasts.org>

Volunteer Registration: June 19, 20, 21, 2009

All Volunteers will get a free t-shirt

If at all possible, volunteers will also get free meals, housing, and banquet, perhaps even travel expenses. A full accounting of expenses will be provided the last day of the Festival, and either checks or invoices will be issued depending upon the number of paid registrations we attract.

Please fill in this in this form and send to David Elston-Phillips at David@TaijiquanEnthusiasts.org or PO Box 564, Douglassville, PA 19518 before June 1st in order to be included in the roster of volunteers in the reimbursement pool. Workshop leaders are automatically listed as volunteers, but may wish to volunteer for other services as well.

Services you will want or need as a Festival volunteer:

_____ Workshops \$30 T-shirt size: _____
 _____ Meals (may be up to \$45 for 2 days including banquet) _____ Fri _____ Sat _____ Sun
 _____ Housing, (may be up to \$75 for 2 days) _____ Thu _____ Fri _____ Sat _____ Sun
 _____ Travel reimbursement:
 _____ miles @ 14 ¢ per mile
 _____ tolls and parking
 _____ airfare or train fare
 _____ other travel expenses
 (voucher with receipts will be requested at the end of the Festival)

Timeframe for volunteering services (you must pick at least 4 to be eligible for housing, banquet, and travel expense reimbursement):

_____ Prior to Festival
 _____ Friday morning shift 8:00 am - 12:00 noon
 _____ Friday afternoon shift 12:00 - 4:00 pm
 _____ Friday evening shift 4:00 - 10:00 pm
 _____ Saturday morning shift 8:00 am - 12:00 noon
 _____ Saturday afternoon shift 12:00 - 4:00 pm
 _____ Saturday evening shift 4:00 - 10:00 pm
 _____ Sunday morning shift 8:00 am - 12:00 noon
 _____ Sunday afternoon shift 12:00 - 4:00 pm
 _____ Sunday evening shift 4:00 - 7:00 pm
 _____ After the Festival

Come to the Festival. Become an Enthusiast.

- I would like to become a member or renew my membership.
 I am already a member. Member ID Code: _____
 I am interested in volunteering at the 2009 Festival. (workshop fee will be waived - please fill in the information and choose some of the tasks you are willing to help with on the next page.)

_____ Mr or Ms _____ First name _____ Middle _____ Lastname _____ Jr or Sr

_____ Street Address and/or PO Box number

_____ City _____ State or Province _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

_____ Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____ Started Taiji _____ Started Teaching _____

_____ Email Address

_____ School or Club or Organization Affiliation

_____ Primary Style _____ Other Styles _____

(If not already paid) Basic Annual Membership Donation: \$60

Enclosed is payment in the amount of \$_____
 Check Credit Card Cash

Account # _____
 Circle one: **MasterCard** **Visa** **Discover**

Expiration Date _____
 Code Number (3 or 4 digit number on the back of the card) _____

Signature: _____

How Volunteer Payments are Handled:

If providing credit card information, your \$60 membership fee will be charged right away. If we receive enough attendees to reimburse all expenses, no further charges will be made. If, however, we don't get enough paying registrants, after the Festival your card will be charged the costs of housing and meals minus any amounts we are able to reimburse. If you pay your membership fee by check, please either provide credit card information for housing and meals, or provide a second check for the full amount of housing and meals (\$120), and we will reimburse you as much as we can after the Festival. TJQE is a non-profit organization. A full accounting will be made at the final dinner on Sunday.

Boldface are management positions. Under each are the subtasks that manager will manage. Please check all that you are willing to do and we will let you know which ones you've been chosen for. Thanks for volunteering.

(filled) **Volunteer Coordinator** (Dave Elston-Philips)

- _____ Send volunteer packets to volunteers
- _____ Send thank you letter to volunteers
- _____ Publish list of volunteers and tasks assigned
- _____ Conflict Resolver

Workshop management

- _____ Introduce the workshop leaders & collect evaluations (4 needed each shift).
- _____ Print and bring evaluation forms (1)
- _____ Monitor Push Hands (4)
- _____ Ring the gong to switch activities (1)
- _____ Take pictures of workshops and activities (2)
- _____ Take video of workshops and activities (2)
- _____ Create certificates of participation for attendees (1)
- _____ Compile evaluations and send out results (1)

Facilities management

- _____ Post direction signs (1)
- _____ Direct people to parking (4)
- _____ Manage set up of sponsoring vendor tables (1)
- _____ Help with Housing Checkins (3)
- _____ Direct people to lunch (4)
- _____ Medical person (1 needed for each shift)

(filled) **Registration management** (Barbara Brynan)

- _____ Register people at registration table (2 needed for each shift)
- _____ Design and Order the t-shirts (1)
- _____ Give out t-shirts (1)

(filled) Print the directory (Marty Devlin)

- _____ Distribute the directory (1)

Banquet Festivities management

- _____ Choose the menu and keep track of people attending. (1)
- _____ Interface with Catering and Conference Services. (1)
- _____ Track Ballots for the vote. (1)
- _____ Send invitations to the nominees. (1)
- _____ Create the award envelopes. (1)
- _____ Announce the award winners. (2)
- _____ Gather the list of Demonstrators. (1)
- _____ Publish the list of Demonstrators. (1)
- _____ MC the Friendship Demonstrations. (3)

Any other tasks you would like to do? List them here:

2009 Awards Ballot
Taijiquan Enthusiasts Organization

Vote for One	Instructor of the Year
	Betsy Chapman is one of the best teachers around. In addition to focusing on the art of teaching as well as the martial art, Betsy has learned from the top, spending time in China to learn the Sun form from Madam Sun and becoming certified in Judging from both the International Wushu SanShou Dao Association and the Wu Kung Federation.
	Julian Chu is a truly dedicated teacher and unselfish practitioner of Tai Chi. He is a master instructor of the Cheng Man Ching form, push hands, Tai Chi sword, saber, and staff. He is generous with his time and talents, and has promoted many tai chi push hands meets in the Washington DC area.
	William CC Chen - he has devoted his life to the study of body mechanics and the effects of Tai Chi Chuan for art of self-defense as well as on physical health, and to the application of the principles of Tai Chi Chuan. His approach is to make Tai Chi Chuan simple, easier, natural, enjoyable and productive. His workshops are fascinating and never boring.
	Steve Higgins is one of the most prolific Tai Chi teachers, historians, and organizers. In addition to teaching, Steve travels far and wide, supporting and presenting at many events in the United States as well as his home in Canada. One of the original founders of the Canadian Taijiquan Federation as well as one of the first guiding voices for the Taijiquan Enthusiasts Organization.
	Yang Jwing Ming has been a noted teacher, author, and Taijiquan promoter for many many years. He recently opened up a mountain top retreat and is working toward attracting dedicated disciples to learn his art.
	William Ting has been teaching Tai Chi in the South Jersey area for 22 years and has taught a class at Medford Leas for a decade. He also teaches a free class at the Mount Laurel Library. He teaches people of all ages from teens to seniors. He is an excellent teacher who communicates well regardless of your level of experience. People come in from Canada, Ohio, California for just a 4 hours seminar for him! We have met people from Texas and lots of other places; he is really phenomenal. He teaches principles, and he has made our taichu so much better.
	Christopher Viggiano has been doing seminars in Riverside NJ, and he is somebody who can really relate and explain to the students. He works with each individual student at their level. He will have several students who study under him, and they are all constantly trying to whet your appetite for higher levels of learning and your practice. They don't let you they know it all - they are all still studying. They provide us with excellent knowledge and understanding.
	Chen Xiao Wang - grandson of Chen F&K, a living legend in Beijing during his lifetime, who left an inspirational mark on him and thrust on him the taiji legacy he was born into. Highly accomplished, world renowned for his skill in Chen style.
Vote for One	Tai Chi Event Promoter of the Year
	Bill Douglass, the father of World Tai Chi and Qigong day, will go down in history as one of the most prominent promoters of the art. Bill involves media, research, and has invested quite a bit of his own time and money to ensure that the benefits of Tai Chi and Qigong are spread as far and wide as possible.
	David Elston-Phillips is an incessant and strong promoter not just of the Health and Martial Arts Festival, but of all the Philadelphia area events including the Fall Picnic, the winter Chinese New Year's dinner, and all of the workshops and events in the area.
	Kirsten Erwin - for years Kirsten was the Festival Director - spending all the hard work and energy to ensure that the Festival happened and that everyone had fun. I wish to honor her for her past devotion to this art.
	Pat Rice started "A Taste of China" in 1989, and added the USA All Taijiquan Championships in 1998. Not only has she been one of the most prominent women in a sport that is often filled with testosterone, but the quality of her workshops and tournaments are legendary. While the size and scope of "A Taste of China" has diminished recently, the quality of the events have just gotten that much more concentrated and valued.
	Lee Scheele, one of the founders of the Taijiquan Enthusiasts Organization, is one of its strongest promoters. Lee Scheele, however, also has a unique place as a long-lived promoter of Tai chi Chuan through his on-line notebook, web page, and administrator of a high-volume email distribution list, TCCList@yahoo.com. Lee also travels far and wide for Taiji events, both national and international.
	Nick Scrima has done more to promote high quality tai chi competitions in the US than anyone else. He has been teaching Chinese Martial Arts for over twenty five years, and is one of the first to run tournaments within the United States. He is currently working on expanding the number of tournaments both in the United States and throughout the world.

Only paid members in good standing may vote. Ballots must be received by June 1, 2009

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Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____