



Thank you for your interest in pursuing the study of kendo with Austin Kendo Doshikai (“AKD”). AKD is led by Tetsuo Komizu, Kendo kyoshi 7-Dan, who has been studying kendo for over 55 years and teaching kendo in Texas for nearly 40 years.

Our practices are held at PURE Yoga Texas (Downtown Austin) at 506 Oakland Ave, Austin TX 78703. It is located between Mopac (Loop 1) and the Downtown Whole Foods Market, between 5th and 6th streets. Our practice schedule is as follows:

- ***Sunday - 3pm to 5pm***
- ***Wednesday - 8pm to 10pm***

To get started, it is best to observe a Sunday practice from 4pm to 5pm (the best viewing time as we finish preliminary warm-ups by 4pm). While doing so, please remember to maintain proper dojo etiquette. Bow when stepping in and out of the dojo room, turn off your cell phone and remain quiet during practice. Please let us know which Sunday practice you will observe so we can expect to see you. Alternatively, you may attend a Wednesday practice from 8pm to 10pm, led by Jeff Chen, for an orientation class and observation.

After your first practice or observation, please connect with me to discuss next steps should you wish to pursue kendo further. If you have practiced kendo previously, please let me know your age, practice history and rank.

Sincerely,

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