

To whom it concerns,

I am writing this letter on the behalf of Rodney Thompson, the lead black belt and instructor of the Tulsa area chapter of The Wild Bunch Taekwondo organization. The Wild Bunch organization is one of the premiere groups in Oklahoma in the instruction of Taekwondo and other martial arts disciplines. The instructors are passionate and driven by a desire to help all of their students regardless of gender, age, race, or religious affiliation achieve their personal goals of self care which encompasses mental/physical wellness and self-defense. Each instructor in the organization provides the guidance needed to train their students in martial arts as well as the careful expansion of limits to push students beyond what they originally think is possible. Rodney's taekwondo class does all of these things and more for every student that walks through the door regardless of how long they continue to attend.

I have been a student of Rodney's since November of 2015 and, as an educator myself, I have to say that I am continually impressed with Rodney's unique combination of command and compassion. Rodney doesn't teach taekwondo for the money, he teaches this discipline out a desire to ensure that his students are safe in their daily lives and, should the need ever arise, prepared to defend both themselves and loved ones. However, like all instructors in The Wild Bunch, all self-defense instruction is tempered with consistent reminders that physical action against another is always a method of last resort and that self-control combined with mental fortitude is the most powerful weapon that any human can have.

Rodney's class encapsulates the five tenets of taekwondo each time it convenes and those tenets truly depict what The Wild Bunch taekwondo is truly all about: courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control, and indomitable spirit. The foundations laid in the learning of martial art are foundations that carry over in to all other aspects of a person's life. The benefits of any martial arts class, but especially Rodney Thompson's class, are only limited by how much a student can absorb at a time.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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