

TOGKF North America Spring Gasshuku FAQ

June 4-7, 2026

Who can attend this event?

All karate/martial arts styles are invited along with currently active TOGKF Members.

Where is the event being held?

The 2026 TOGKF North America Spring Gasshuku will be held at:

International Okinawan Cultural Education Foundation, Inc.

Ten Chi Jin Dojo

200 Nix Rd

Varnell, GA 30756

The Sayonara Party will be held at:

Hamiltons Food and Spirits

243 N. Hamilton St

Dalton, GA 30720

What do the different registration prices mean?

There are different prices depending on the number of days and after-training events that you chose to participate in.

Are early bird discounts available?

No, we are discounting upfront and offering the same pricing across the board. I would encourage you to choose the All-Inclusive Package to save the most money. There will be family discounts!

How can I register for the event and what form of payment is accepted?

You can register online from our [registration site](#) using a credit or debit card. Alternatively, you can register at the event using either credit card, debit card or cash. Please note that purchasing at the event will result in slightly higher training fees.

Can I register onsite the day of the event?

Yes, you can register at the event using either credit card, debit card or cash. Please note that registering or purchasing at the event will result in slightly higher fees. Sayonara Party tickets cannot be purchased on the day of event nor t-shirts. Should we have an abundance of either, they will be sold first come first serve.

Can I pick and choose training dates?

Yes, you can pick the sessions that you wish to attend and pay accordingly. Attendance will be monitored to ensure you attend what you have registered for.

If I book online, what do I do once I arrive at the dojo?

Upon arrival at the TOGKF North America Spring Gasshuku, please check in at the registration window inside the lobby where you will receive your registration confirmations. Please only attend the events that you have paid and registered for.

How secure are my credit card details?

We are using the PCI compliant Rapid SSL 256 Bit Security platform, so your transactions are very secure.

Where can I review my registration information?

Your registration information can be reviewed on the registration site.

Can I get a refund if I change my mind about attending?

Yes, refunds are available. Refund processing times will vary, and you must request a refund prior to attending the event.

If the 2026 TOGKF North America Gasshuku is cancelled, how do I get a refund?

In the unlikely event that this event is cancelled, participants will receive an automatic refund.

I booked the wrong training dates; can I change?

Yes, you can change your training registration. Prior to the 2026 TOGKF North America Spring Gasshuku starting, please contact us at info@iocef.com. During 2026 TOGKF North America Spring Gasshuku please see the registration desk, ideally in the mornings.

I can't pay by credit card; is there an alternate payment method?

We will accept cash, debit cards, PayPal and Zelle at the event.

TRANSPORTATION

Directions to / from Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport:

Taxis and rental cars are available for hire by following the signs once deplaning and also when returning. You can arrange Uber and Lyft pickups at CHA through the Uber or Lyft app.

How do I get to the event locations?

If you are not renting a car or driving in, you will need to use Uber, Lyft or taxi to all the applicable event locations. There is no shuttle service provisions.

DURING the 2026 TOGKF North America Spring Gasshuku

Where can I find information about the 2026 TOGKF North America Spring Gasshuku agenda and schedule?

Please visit: <https://www.iocef.com> for training events or <https://www.shintenchidojo.com>

Where do I go to check in?

Signage in the lobby will direct you to the registration desk. Please check in and submit your TOGKF passport, pick up your T-shirt(if ordered) and Sayonara Party ticket(if ordered).

Can I register on-site?

Yes, you can, at the registration desk. Please note that we will have forms and waivers for you to complete on paper. We will accept payment by credit card, debit card or cash. You will only be able to register for training on-site. Purchasing Sayonara Party tickets must be done in advance as we need to provide numbers to the restaurant: Sayonara Party tickets will not be available for purchase after June 1, 2026.

If I lose my registration ticket, where can I get a replacement?

Please take care not to lose your event tickets/documents. If you need a replacement, please see the registration desk. Please have your online registration event proof of purchase ready. Note: Sayonara tickets (cash or charge) cannot be refunded.

Should I bring my own water bottle?

Absolutely! We encourage participants to bring their own refillable water bottles. We have a bottle filling station at the back of the dojo.

Will lunch be available for the full-day training sessions? We will provide fruit trays on Thursday, Friday and Saturday but not on Sunday. There are also several places nearby that you can go off-site to pick up lunch: Taco Bell, Wendys, McDonalds, Panda House (very good and closest), Burger Den (local favorite), Subway, Getting' Piggy with It (local BBQ joint) and Dairy Queen. The last two are 10-minute drives and they don't have alcohol. 15 minutes North is the Red Wolfe Grill which is awesome and they serve alcohol.

Can I take pictures during training?

Please **do not** take pictures during training, this includes the participants, audience/spectators. We have photographers on-site who will take pictures. Please note that photographers and videographers will have credentials: this is to identify them as legitimately taking images. They will not be able to address event questions.

(If you are a participant, you may take pics with other trainees and instructors at the morning and evening training sessions conclusion and daily.)

NOTE: All grading events are closed to the public UNLESS the grading panel chooses otherwise. No pics allowed during grading.

Is there a dress code for the 2026 TOGKF North America Spring Gasshuku?

During training, gradings, etc, your white Gi with ONLY the TOGKF patch. If you are attending the event as a non-TOGKF member just wear the gi that you would normally wear to a training event. The Sayonara Party is casual.

Where is the Sayonara Party being held?

The Sayonara Party will be held at:

Hamiltons Food and Spirits

243 N. Hamilton St

Dalton, GA 30720

Does the Sayonara Party include food and beverages?

The Sayonara Party fee includes a buffet dinner with water and tea. There will be a cash bar open to purchase other drinks and alcohol. (Please consume responsibly.)

Do not get in the buffet line before the Head Table has had the opportunity to do so.
Kuramoto Sensei, Yonezato Sensei, De wit Sensei, Mirko Sensei and Villa Sensei will be the head table so they lead the buffet line!

Are there restaurant options around the hotel?

Apart from the restaurant in the hotel, yes, there are many restaurants in the area.

Within walking distance are:

- The Oakwood Café – Southern Cooking and a great breakfast with no bar
- Cherokee Pizza – Handmade Pizza with a bar
- Hamiltons – Fine Southern Delicacies with a bar
- Table 43 – Great Southern Cooking with a bar
- The Filling Station – The Best Home Cooking in the Area with no bar
- Juans Weiners – A hotdog like you've never had before!
- Café Ostro – Casual Mediterranean Dining with no bar
- Jeffersons – Comfort Food with a bar
- Crescent City Tavern – Comfort Food with a bar and live music
- The Gallant Goat – a Speak Easy to grab a drink in a quiet casual atmosphere
- Tijuana's – Mexican Dining with a bar
- The Sweet Spot – Sandwiches, vegetable plates, and all kinds of ice cream and deserts
- ...and many more!

Are there banks near the hotel?

Yes, there are several National bank branches in the nearby area. Other banks are available somewhat further away.

International travelers: please note local banks have very varied weekend hours (some locations will be open, others closed, and/or may have limited services over the weekend).

ACCOMMODATION FAQS

Is there preferred accommodation I can book?

Yes, please consider The Carpentry Hotel and Rooftop Bar where a special rate has been secured.

204 West Cuyler Street
Dalton, GA 30720
(706) 529-3040

Please book yourself and note the below.

- Booking Link: [TOGKF The Carpentry Hotel](#)
- We have a limited number of rooms set aside – \$189 for 1 King bed or \$189 for 2 queen beds. All USD\$
- Make sure you mention the event name TOGKF to qualify for the special rate. Special room rate covers Wednesday night through to Sunday morning.

I booked the suggested hotel. Are there any shuttles organized to transport me to the event?

Unfortunately, the hotel does not offer airport shuttle service. Please refer to the Transportation section for directions.

Is there a charge to park at the hotel?

There is no charge to park at the hotel.

POST TOGKF North America Spring Gasshuku FAQs

Will I get a certificate or some recognition for attending?

Please be sure to bring your TOGKF passbook and submit it when you check in at the event. Passbooks will be stamped at some point during the four-day event. If you are not a TOGKF member I would suggest you bring a Classical Fighting Arts magazine for both Yonezato Sensei and Kuramoto Sensei to sign. I would also suggest taking the time to get a picture with both.

Will my picture or video be used publicly?

Yes, photographers and videographers will be present and there is the possibility that your image will be used.

My question / concern is not covered on this FAQ site, what should I do?

Please send any questions before, during and after the 2026 TOGKF North America Spring Gasshuku to info@iocef.com and we will get back to you promptly. Should you not hear from us it means it most likely went to spam for some reason so please call and leave a message at (706) 222-0230. If you are still needing help call Brock Sensei direct at (706) 260-8591.