



THE EDGE

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Connecting2Tomorrow, Inc. Newsletter

"SKILLS TAUGHT TODAY CONNECT US TO A BETTER TOMORROW"

Welcome to Connecting2Tomorrow's first edition newsletter. In this newsletter you will find out the who, what and where of Connecting2Tomorrow.

WHO? Connecting2Tomorrow is a grassroots non-profit corporation created to provide the fundamental life and leadership skills vital for teens and young adults to become successful employees in the community, and contributing members to society. Many young people lack the basic skills and support necessary to prosper and succeed as adults. Our mission is to assist teens and young adults to obtain basic skills to become productive, responsible and successful members of society.

WHAT? In an effort to promote success and sustaining employment or higher education for teens and young adults Connecting2Tomorrow has developed these 2 programs:

"Teen Life Coaching Skills for Success"

which is for 14 to 18 years olds. It is a 6 week session of interactive workshops on:

- * Motivation
- * Team Building
- * Leadership
- * Conflict Resolution
- * Taking Barriers and Making them into Resources
- * The Keys to Success using the Slight Edge Principles

Each workshop is interactive with skill building activities as well as Martial Art demonstrations to reinforce the learned skills.

"Moving Forward Program"

which is for 18 to 24 year olds and those that have completed the "Teen Life Coaching Skills for Success" workshops. This 12 week workshop program will focus on the "7 Basic Skills for Success" which include:

- * Banking, Budgeting and Money
- * Powerful Life Habits
- * Communications and Building Positive

LEADERS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

- Relationships
- * Wellness
 - * Giving Back
 - * Work Ethics
 - * Educational Planning and Entrepreneurship

Following completion of these workshops each participant may become involved in the Mentoring Support Program and the Community for Excellence initiative.

WHERE? Connecting2Tomorrow is located in Butler, Pennsylvania. We partner with many other local organizations and the faith based community to host our workshops. We will provide workshops in all corners of the county.

Interested in your organization hosting a workshops? Please email us at:

connecting2tomorrow@gmail.com

Martial Arts to Promote Leadership & Team Building

Martial Arts programs: Wing Chun Kung Fu and Judo are used in the "Teen Life Coaching Skills for Success" workshops to reinforce learned skills and promote leadership and team building skills.



Wing Chun Kuen Fu

Wing Chun Kuen is a Chinese martial art that capitalizes on simultaneous attack and defense, using speed as power vs. relying on physical strength, and "borrowing" an attacker's actions in order to make use of it.

The mind-set of this system is that everything we do in our youth, we should be able to do until the day we die. Many Wing Chun masters have demonstrated that they are more skilled in their later years than they were in their youth. This comes from years of training, of course, but also because they have grown more relaxed and pliable, as well as being able to move more efficiently in order to borrow the attacker's actions.

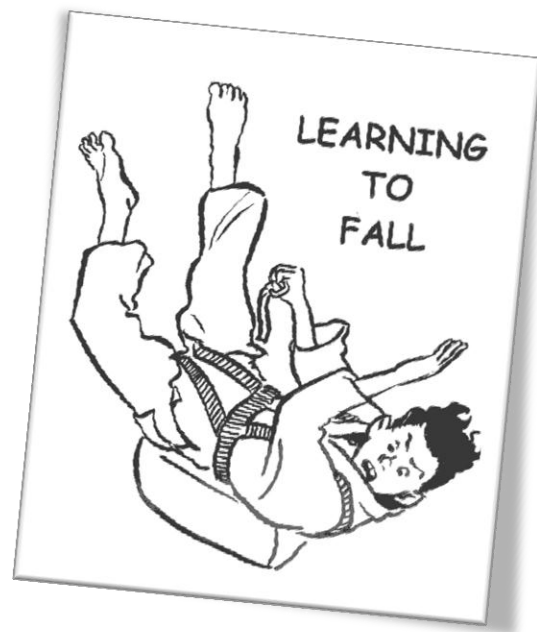


Wing Chun Kuen Fu and Judo

Judo

Judo is a fun sport, an art, a discipline, a recreational or social activity, a fitness program, a means of self-defense and a way of life.

Judo develops self-discipline and respect for oneself and others. Judo provides the means for learning self-confidence, concentration, and leadership skills, as well as physical coordination, power, and flexibility. As a sport that has evolved from a fighting art, it develops complete body control, fine balance, and fast reflexive action. Above all, it develops a sharp reacting mind well-coordinated with the same kind of body. Judo training gives a person an effective self-defence system if the need arises. Judo is often a part of the training done by athletes preparing for MMA matches.



Helpful Tips for Success



Drive of Your Life is operated by The Indiana Youth Institute.

TEST DRIVE A CAREER

Below is a link to a website where you can create your own car and test drive different careers.

www.driveofyourlife.org

Drive of Your Life is a fun and free online **career exploration game** that helps middle-school and high school students learn more about themselves, higher education and careers. This **free educational tool** lets kids answer a

series of questions about themselves to learn what careers could interest them and then go on a virtual drive to learn more about each of those careers – all in their own customized car.

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"Know exactly what you want"

"Every end is a new beginning"

"You become what you think about"

WHO WE ARE AND EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

"TEEN LIFE SKILLS FOR SUCCESS WORKSHOPS"

- MARCH 29 TO MAY 3, 2012 WITH SPECIALITY OUTREACH SERVICES

DINE AND DONATE @ Chili's

- Dine and Donate at Chili's all day Thursday March 29, 2012. Visit our Events Page to download flyer:

http://www.connecting2tomorrow.org/Events/Contact_Us.html

SHOP AND DONATE @ Five Below

- Shop and Donate at Five Below the week of March 25 to March 31, 2012 Visit our Events Page to download flyer:

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CASINO BUS TRIP

- Casino Bus Trip to Erie Casino Thursday May 3, 2012. Visit our Events Page to download flyer:

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS:

- Meet the First Monday of each month

PROGRAM ADVISORY COUNCIL

- Meet the Second Wednesday of each month

For more information feel free to contact us at connecting2tomorrow@gmail.com



**Career Choices are Life Choices
 Take them Seriously...
 Do it Right!**



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FAST FACTS

33%

Of young people are unemployed

3.5%

Of students do not complete high school in the US