



NCKF Iaido Seminar 2019



The Northern California Iaido Association welcomes you to the 2019 Iaido seminar and shinsa (kyu to sandan) held Saturday October 12 through Sunday October 13 at the Cubberley Community Center - City of [Palo Alto - 4000 Middlefield Rd](#), Gym A - Palo Alto, CA 94301

Please refer to the map attached for the exact location of Gym A within the facility.

We are honored to have Kazuhisa Kaneda Sensei, Kyoshi 8-Dan in Iaido who will be leading the seminar. Sensei is an Iaido teacher at the International Budo University in Japan and 8-time winner of the All Japan Iaido tournament.

Schedule of Activities:

Saturday October 12, 2019 - doors open 7:30 am; registration starts at 7:45 am; sword check starts at 8:00 am. Instruction from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; cleanup and setup for shinsa till 6:00 pm. Sayonara Dinner at 7:00 pm.

Sunday October 13, 2019 - doors open 7:30 am, Instruction from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Shinsa setup from 11:00 to 11:30; Shinsa from 11:30 am to 12:00 pm. Instruction from 1:00 to 5:00 pm; cleanup till 6:00 pm.

Registration Instructions:

- Register online for the **2019 NCKF Iaido Seminar** at the NCKF Iaido home page <http://nckf.org/iaido/index.htm>.
- Fees:
 - Registration: \$125
 - Bento: \$12 per day; Sayonara Dinner: \$35
 - Shinsa fees: see the fee schedule on page 5 – if you plan to test, you must attend the seminar.
 - Make checks out to NCKF (or Northern California Kendo Federation).
 - If you are taking the shinsa, you will have one check for the menjo fee and one check for everything else. Everyone else will have one check.
- Forms: Complete the forms:
 - Waiver form.

- Shinsa application form (shinsa applicants only)
- Shinsa test questions – these can be submitted the day of the shinsa
- Mail completed forms and checks to:
 - Kimiye Touchi
 - 5010 Manzanillo Street
 - Fair Oaks, CA 95628
- **Registration deadline:** Waiver, Shinsa application forms, and checks made to NCKF must be received by **Friday, September 27, 2019**.

Accommodations: Kaneda Sensei will be staying at the Wyndham Garden San Jose Airport:
1355 North 4th Street
San Jose, CA. 95112
408-453-5340

Food/Water/Refreshments: Everyone is encouraged to bring their own water and snacks. Light refreshments will be provided. Bento and water are provided for those that order bento on Saturday and Sunday. Bottled water can also be purchased at the refreshment table.

Sayonara Dinner: The Sayonara Dinner will be held at Shana Thai Restaurant on Saturday at 7 pm. The restaurant is approximately 10 minutes from Cubberly (please see attached map):
Shana Thai Restaurant
311 Moffett Blvd
Mountain View, CA 94043
No-Host Bar

Updates will be added to:

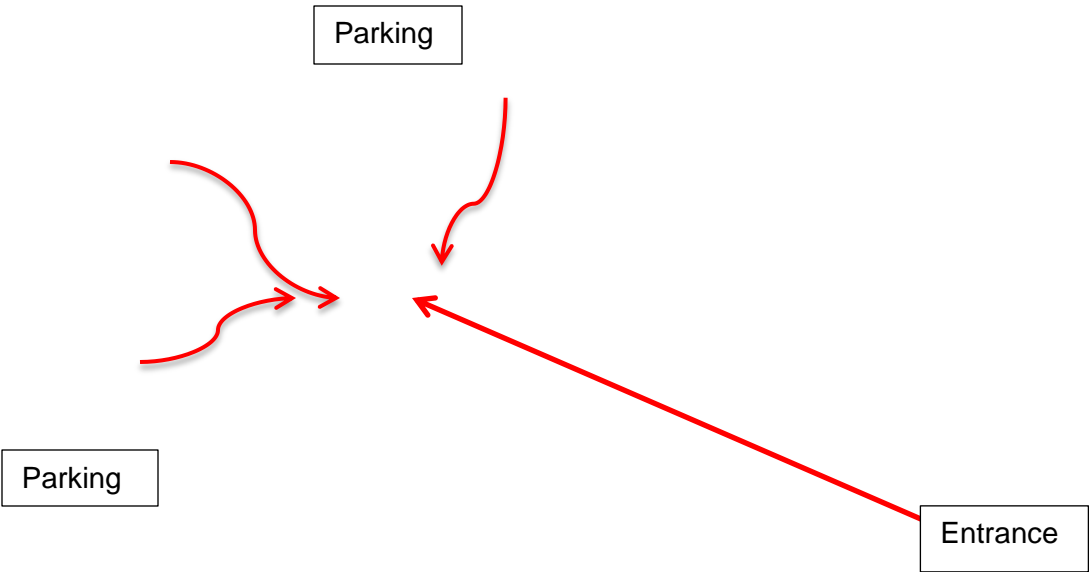
West Coast Iaido Community (AUSKF) Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/220451584973289/>

NCKF Iaido homepage:

<http://nckf.org/iaido/index.htm>

!Important! Due to the safety reasons NO SHINKEN (SWORDS WITH SHARP EDGE) are allowed. Please check all of the equipments being used for safety. We reserve the right to inspect at anytime when we feel it is necessary.



Get directions



Start from

[Swap start/end points](#)



cubbery community center



Shana Thai Restaurant

311 Moffett Blvd, Mountain View, CA 94043

[Get directions](#)

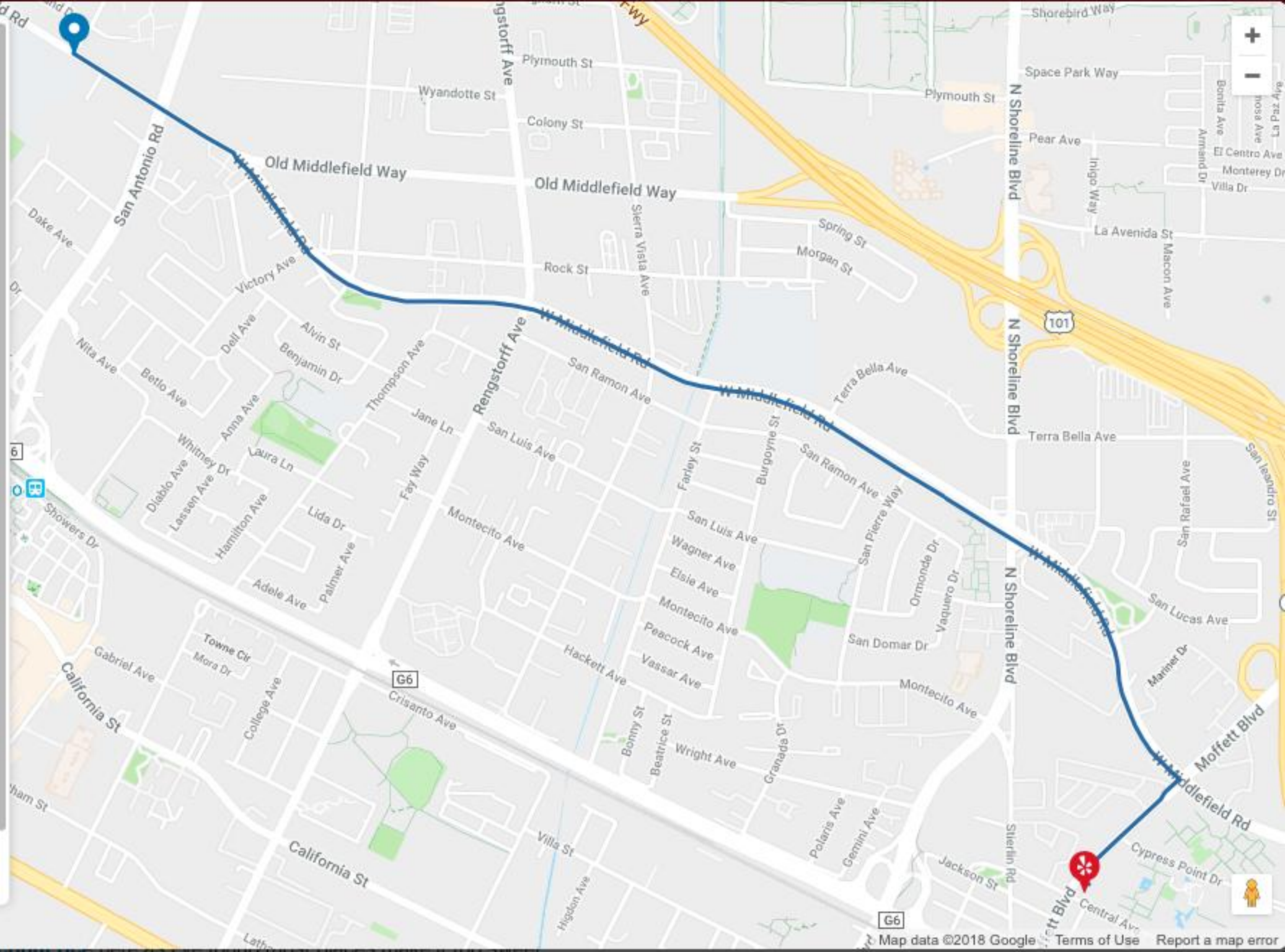
Driving directions

4000 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94303, USA

2.5 mi. About 9 mins

1. Head **southeast** on **Middlefield Rd** toward **Montrose Ave** 0.3 mi
Pass by CrossFit Palo Alto (on the left in 0.3 mi)
2. Turn **right** onto **W Middlefield Rd** 2.0 mi
Pass by Starbucks (on the right in 0.5 mi)
3. Turn **right** onto **Moffett Blvd** 0.2 mi
4. Turn **left** 108 ft
Destination will be on the right

730 Central Ave, Mountain View, CA 94043,



NCIA - October 2019 Promotion Exam

The fee schedule and eligibility guidelines will be consistent with NCKF Kendo:

Desired Rank	Testing fee (Check to NCKF)	Menjo Fee (Check to AUSKF)	Test Intervals	Written Test Requirements
17 years and under - through 2 Kyu	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	3 months	none
Adult Kyu (up through 2 Kyu)	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00	3 months	none
1 Kyu and 1 Dan	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	6 months	required
2 Dan	\$ 35.00	\$ 60.00	1 year	required
3 Dan	\$ 40.00	\$ 80.00	2 years	required

Eligibility:

Participant must be registered under AUSKF by September 13, 2019 to test

Age minimum: 1-Dan must be 13 years and older

Dan candidates testing for the first time in NCIA must provide copy of menjo for previous rank with seminar application.

Completed "Examination Application Form" with federation president signature.

Fee Guidelines:

Make all checks out to Northern California Kendo Federation

Testing fees are to be paid with seminar fees; menjo fees are to be a separate check.

Written Test: Applicants for 1-Kyu and above. Please submit your written (typed) test on the day of the test.

Exam Guidelines: Participants who need to wear supports must get approval from the Chief Examiner before wearing it during the exam

Standing Kata: Participants who need to perform standing kata only must provide a doctor's note.

Northern California Iaido Association
EXAMINATION APPLICATION FORM

Requesting rank: _____ Exam date: _____ Date _____

Federation: _____ Dojo: _____ AUSKF # _____

Name: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____
(Street)

_____ (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Phone: _____ e-Mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Present Rank: _____ Date Received: _____

Place of Practice: _____ How many times per week: _____

List and handicaps, injuries _____

(Signature of applicant)

(Date)

Print Name:

(Signature of regional federation president)

(Date)

Print Name:

- * To avoid mistakes and delays, please print clearly.
- * Provide a copy of your Menjo (Promotion Certificate) if you have a current rank.
- * Payment must accompany this form.

Written Examination Questions

Ikkyu, Shodan, Nidan, Sandan Candidates

Answer two questions from the group of questions for the rank for which you are testing.

You may submit your answers when you register or you may bring them to the seminar and hand them in at the registration table.

Provide the following information with your written response:

- Applicant's Name
- AUSKF Number
- Regional Federation (e.g., NCKF, etc.)
- Dojo

First Kyu Candidates:

1. List the names of the twelve All Japan Kendo Federation laido kata. Include a short English translation for each.
2. Describe the proper way of gripping the katana when cutting.
3. Why are you studying laido? What do you hope to accomplish?

Shodan Candidates:

1. Explain what is meant by the term *saya biki*. Describe its use in one All Japan Kendo Federation laido kata.
2. Draw a simple diagram of a katana, label as many parts as you can.
3. What is *kirioroshi*? Describe its use in one All Japan Kendo Federation laido kata.

Nidan Candidates:

1. Discuss zanshin. Describe its use in one All Japan Kendo Federation laido kata.
2. The blade of the katana is divided into 3 parts; describe the use of each part.
3. What is meant by the term *lai-goshi*? Describe its use in one All Japan Kendo Federation laido kata.

Sandan Candidates:

1. What is *metsuke*? Describe its use in one All Japan Kendo Federation laido kata.
2. Describe how to clean a sword (shinken and/or iaito).
3. Discuss *jo-ha-kyu*.