

# Lakota YMCA Students Win Big at National Karate Championships



The **Buckner Martial Arts White Tigers Competition Team**, many of whom train at the Lakota YMCA, traveled to Arlington, Texas July 13-17 to compete in the 2011 USA Karate National Championships. USA Karate is the National Governing Body for Sport Karate, and functions under the auspices of the US Olympic Committee. The USA Nationals & Team Trials is the largest karate tournament in the western hemisphere. 1,400 competitors, ages 5 to 64, competed over 4 days.

Our team brought home medals in every category of competition – Kata (forms) , Kumite (sparring), and Kobudo (weapons). The Lakota YMCA students earned 16 medals, with 4 national championships (designated by the blue ribbon). Congratulations to everyone who qualified to represent Buckner Martial Arts and the Lakota YMCA at Nationals!

## Lakota YMCA TEAM MEMBERS/RESULTS

Anna Ochsenhirt	Kata 1 <sup>st</sup> , Kumite 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Jared Mc Millan	Kumite 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Kobudo (Long) 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Alana Winston	Kumite 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Kobudo (Short) 2 <sup>nd</sup> , PKF Kumite 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Amanda Joiner	Kobudo (Long) 1 <sup>st</sup> , Kobudo (Short) 1 <sup>st</sup>
Bryce Combs	Kobudo (Short) 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Kata 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Drew Combs	Kumite 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Katie Holthaus	Kobudo (Long) 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Kobudo (Short) 2 <sup>nd</sup> , PKF Kumite 1 <sup>st</sup>
Kiersten Muse	Kumite 3 <sup>rd</sup>

## Other participants at the 2011 Nationals:

Logan Mc Millan, Ben Ochsenhirt, Hunter Wallace, Haleigh Wallace, William Holthaus