# **AIKIDO Introductory Course**

DURATION: 6 weeks, 1 hour per week (Mondays)

#### Week 1

### **KAMAE**

- Conditioning: breathing and stretching exercises
- Kamae (posture): seiza (kneeling, toes flat), Hanmi (standing, oblique Aikido posture)

### Week 2

#### **UKEMI**

 Ukemi (falling exercises): forward & backward falls or rolls from sitting and standing

### Week 3

#### TAI SABAKI

- Tai sabaki (footwork):
  - standing: forward, entering, turning
  - sitting: shikko (knee-walking)

### Week 4

#### **STRIKES**

• Strikes: shomen uchi (vertical strike to head), yokomen uchi (strike to side of head), tsuki (punch)

## Week 5

### WAZA

 Waza (technique): Katate dori ai hanmi ikkyo, pinning technique

### Week 6

#### **WEAPONS**

 Introduction to bokken (Japanese wooden sword) and jo (Japanese wooden staff)

#### **Dojo location:**

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