



JKA NORCAL PRESENTS

YUKO HIRAYAMA

SENSEI

**SEPTEMBER
11th-13th
2026**

**Japanese Cultural Community
Center of Northern California**

**1840 Sutter Street
San Francisco, CA 94115**

Registration & Info:



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WELCOME TO SAN FRANCISCO

Greetings,

It is our great privilege to welcome you to the second annual Fall Training Camp hosted by JKA of Northern California. We are thrilled to once again host Sensei Yuko Hirayama, 7th Dan, of the Japan Karate Association World Headquarters as our featured guest instructor.

Building on the success of last year's inaugural event, we are proud to open our doors again to all karate-ka, regardless of rank, style, or organization. This camp reflects our ongoing commitment to fostering the spirit of budo and bringing world-class JKA instruction to the Bay Area community.

Across three days of focused training, participants will take part in up to nine sessions designed to elevate their kihon, enrich their kata practice, and sharpen their kumite application. Having experienced Hirayama Sensei's remarkable teaching firsthand last fall, we are confident this year's camp will be every bit as transformative.

The weekend opens with our popular early morning open mat session at the dojo, led by current and former members of the JKA/AF U.S. National Team. That evening Hirayama Sensei will lead her first seminar at JKA NorCal's dojo, followed by a competitor's training session to close the evening.

The next morning, we move to the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California in San Francisco's historic Japantown, where Sensei Hirayama will lead three general seminars.

The weekend concludes with a general session from Hirayama Sensei in the morning. Athletes and referees will then split into parallel tracks: a dedicated competitor's session led by JKA-USA National Team coaches, and a refereeing session under Hirayama Sensei's guidance. Both groups will reconvene for a final seminar from Hirayama sensei and a special Q&A session. Together, these sessions will help athletes and referees sharpen their edge ahead of the upcoming 2026 JKA/SKDI US National Championships in New York City.

Thank you for being part of this growing tradition. We hope the training ahead leaves you inspired, challenged, and ever more committed to the path of karate-do. For more information, visit jkanorcal.org or reach us at info@jkanorcal.org.

Sincerely,
Sensei Wauriman Borges, 5th Dan
JKA-USA Team Member, Chief Instructor
Japan Karate Association of Northern California

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS SEPTEMBER 11TH – SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2026

Friday September 11 th , 2026		Event Locations
8:00 am – 10:00 am	Morning Open Mat (Open to all camp participants)	
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Event Check-in	JKA NorCal Dojo 356 El Camino Real San Bruno, CA 94066
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Hirayama Sensei Seminar 1 (All levels)	
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	US Team Coach Led Competitor's Training Kata & Kumite for Nationals	
Saturday September 12 th , 2026		
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Event Check-in	Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California 1840 Sutter St San Francisco, CA 94115
9:30 am – 11:00 am	Hirayama Sensei Seminar 2 (All levels)	
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Hirayama Sensei Seminar 3 (All levels)	
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Hirayama Sensei Seminar 4 (All levels)	Bangkok Street Thai Street Food 1826 Buchanan St, San Francisco, CA 94115
7:30 pm – Finish	Camp Banquet	
Sunday September 13 th , 2026		
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Event Check-in	Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California 1840 Sutter St San Francisco, CA 94115
10:30 am – 12:00 am	Hirayama Sensei Seminar 5 (All levels)	
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	US Team Coaches Seminar 6A (Competition Focused Training)	
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Hirayama Sensei Seminar 6B Referee & Judging Seminar	*Seminars 6A and 6B are open to all registrants, please choose one to attend. These events will occur at the same time*
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Hirayama Sensei Seminar 7, Q&A (All levels)	

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Early Bird
6/1/2026 – 7/30/2026

\$200 Online Registration Only

Normal Registration
8/1/2026 – 9/11/2026

\$250 Online Registration Only

**Individual Day
Registration**

\$125 per day

**Information and
Registration Link:**

<https://jkanorcal.org/camp>

Registration QR Code



Tourism & Travel Guide

Getting Around

Airports. SFO is closest (~20 min south) and connects to downtown via BART. OAK and SJC are ~1 hour by car. **Getting to Japantown:** BART to Powell or Civic Center, then the 38 Geary or 22 Fillmore bus; rideshare from SFO runs ~\$40–55. **Parking:** Japan Center Garage (1610 Geary Blvd) sits directly below Peace Plaza. **Weather:** September is one of SF's warmest months (60s–70s), but mornings and evenings can be foggy — bring layers.

Japantown & Around the Camp

The largest and oldest Japantown in the U.S. — and you'll be in the heart of it for the camp.

- **Peace Plaza & Pagoda** – The neighborhood's central courtyard, recently reopened after a major renovation.
- **Japan Center (East & West Malls)** – Three connected indoor malls. Don't miss **Kinokuniya Books** (largest Japanese bookstore in the U.S.), **Daiso**, and **Paper Tree** for origami supplies.
- **Kabuki Springs & Spa** – Traditional Japanese baths, hot pools, and sauna — ideal for post-training recovery.
- **Japanese Tea Garden** (Golden Gate Park) – The oldest public Japanese garden in the U.S.

Where to Eat in Japantown

Marufuku Ramen · **Mifune Don** (udon/soba) · **Izakaya Yuzuki** (handmade soba, small plates) · **Belly Good Cafe & Crepes** · **On the Bridge** (Japanese curry and yoshoku) · **Nijiya Market** and **Super Mira** for groceries and snacks.

Classic SF & Cultural Highlights

- **Golden Gate Bridge** – Walk or bike across; free parking at the Welcome Center.

- **Alcatraz Island** – Book early; night tours are the most atmospheric.
- **Cable Car Ride** – Powell-Hyde line for the best views.
- **Chinatown** – The oldest in North America; enter through the Dragon Gate at Grant and Bush.
- **Painted Ladies (Alamo Square)** – The iconic Victorian row with a skyline view from the park behind.
- **Ferry Building Marketplace** – Local food vendors and a Saturday morning farmers market.

Parks & Outdoor Spots

- **Golden Gate Park** – Larger than Central Park; gardens, museums, and Stow Lake paddle boats.
- **Crissy Field** – Beachside walk with Golden Gate Bridge views.
- **Land's End** – Cliffside trail with the Sutro Baths ruins and ocean views.
- **The Presidio** – National park with hiking, Civil War batteries, and the new Tunnel Tops park.

During Camp Weekend (Sept 11–13)

- **SF Giants vs. Padres at Oracle Park** – Fri 9/11 (7:15 PM), Sat 9/12 (1:05 PM), Sun 9/13 (4:20 PM). [SF Giants Tickets](#)
- **Opera in the Park (FREE)** – Sun 9/13 at 1:30 PM, Robin Williams Meadow, Golden Gate Park. A beloved SF tradition since 1971 — bring a blanket and a picnic. [San Francisco Opera](#)

Day Trips

- **Muir Woods** (30–40 min) – Coastal redwoods. Parking and shuttle reservations required year-round — book at [gomuirwoods.com](#). [Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy](#)
- **Sausalito** (Golden Gate or ferry) – Waterfront town; the ferry ride is half the appeal.
- **Napa or Sonoma** (1–1.5 hrs) – Wine country for extended trips.
- **Half Moon Bay** (~45 min) – Coastal beaches and a quieter alternative to wine country.