



Press release

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MEMBERS OF MAKIMOTO JUDO CLUB TO COMPETE AT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SF

Ten members of the Vacaville Police Activities League - Makimoto Judo Club will be making their way to San Francisco this weekend to compete in the California State Judo Championships.

The championships are being held at City College of San Francisco May 4-5, 2013. Those competing include: Aidan Devaney, 8; Journe Wright, 8; Matthew Alessandro, 9; Logan Winn, 10; Emily Alessandro, 12; Zacharia Winn, 12; Hunter Costello, 13; Ronnie Wise III, 15; Jason Wong, 16; and Cody Costello, 17.

Aidan, Journe, Logan, Zacharia, and Jason all have been practicing judo for less than one year and will compete in the novice division of the tournament. The novice competition will have competitors placed in a pool with other novice players.

Matthew, Emily, Hunter, Ronnie and Cody have more judo experience and will compete in the championship divisions. In the championship division, double-elimination competition will determine the winner.

The Vacaville Police Activities League - Makimoto Judo Club is taught by Sensei Gordon Makimoto, a 4th degree black belt and recently retired from the Vacaville Police Department after 25 years of police service. Sensei Lucy Makimoto is a first degree black belt and has been a Vacaville Police Officer for 19 years. Gordon and Lucy have been instructors for the judo club since 1996. Through judo students learn self-defense, self-confidence, respect for others, and discipline.

To learn more about Vacaville PAL and the Makimoto Judo Club, visit www.vacavillepal.com.