

# THE GRAVITY VAULT®

INDOOR ROCK GYMS

## Climbing Team Information Packet

### Team Membership Details:

1. Each team climber requires a monthly Gravity Vault “Team Membership” to be eligible to attend practices.
2. Membership payments are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month via automatic credit card payment.
3. Cancellation of monthly membership dues requires 30 days written notice prior to billing. (I.e. you would like to cancel your membership for June; we will need written notice by May 1<sup>st</sup>)
4. We invite our team members to climb during non-practice hours to supplement their training at any Gravity Vault facility at no additional cost. *(New team climbers and/or those 13 and younger MUST be supervised by an parent/ legal guardian while climbing during non practice visits)*
5. Team members may attend practices outside of their home gym (I.e. Chatham team climbers may practice at Upper Saddle River and vice verse)
6. Additional Private Coaching:
  - a) One on One **Coaching** is available at the rate of \$750 per 10 hour package with a \$50 add on fee per hour for a second climber. Please see a coach to schedule appointments.
  - b) One on One **Staff** (non-coach instructors) instruction is available at a reduced rate. Inquire at the front desk for our Staff Belay options.

### Perks for the Parents: (with active team memberships)

1. We offer a discounted \$10 day pass to those parents looking to climb while their climber is at team practice. *(Equipment not included)*
2. Free Belay Class for team parents- We would love to have you learn to belay so that you have the ability to come in and work with your **team climber** during non-practice times. Please call to register, at no cost, for one of our regularly scheduled classes. Be sure to mention that you are a team parent during registration.
3. After taking the Belay Class, there is no additional belay only fee for you to come in and belay for your team climber. *(\$3 harness rental not included)*

## Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Q: What is the name of our team?

A: Team Gravity Vault

2. Q: How do I know if there is practice or not?

A: Schedules are always available on our web site at [gravityvault.com](http://gravityvault.com) and are listed under: *Locations\_Calendar\_Climbing Team*. Holidays may affect regularly scheduled practices.

3. Q: Is the Gravity Vault hosting any competitions this year? (See Annex C)

A: Each year we host local competitions for each of the USA Climbing seasons. Please review your locations online calendar: *gravityvault.com\_Locations\_Calendar\_Compitions*

4. Q: What is USA Climbing?

A: USA Climbing is the national governing body for the Youth Bouldering Series, the Youth Sport & Speed Climbing Series, and the Pro Climbing Series in the US.

5. Q: What are USA Climbing Youth Bouldering / USA Climbing Youth Sport and Speed?

A1: USA Climbing Youth Bouldering is the September – January season for bouldering competitions.

A2: USA Climbing Youth Sport and Speed is the February –July season for roped climbing.

6. Q: Does my climber need a USA Climbing Competitor Membership to compete?

Short Answer: No, if they do not compete at all or only plan to compete in "local" competitions.

Longer Answer: *"USAC membership (\$80 and active from September 1st through August 31st) includes ranking for your respective category in both bouldering and sport disciplines. For those of you who only attend a comp or two, you have the option of paying a day member fee of \$5 per comp, but **you will not be eligible to advance beyond local competitions to Regionals** if you do not purchase a competitor membership by the Tuesday at 11:59pm MST, immediately following the first local you want to count toward your two competition minimum requirement."* The USA Climbing Competitor Membership fee is NOT included in a local gym's competition registration fees.

7. Q: How do I register my climber for a USA Climbing Membership?  
A: USA Climbing Competitor Memberships are **only available online** at [www.usaclimbing.org](http://www.usaclimbing.org).
8. Q: What USA CLIMBING category is my child in?  
A: The categories below are broken down by year of birth and are updated each year at [usaclimbing.org](http://usaclimbing.org). (Male/ Female: Youth D, C, B, A, & Juniors) See also Annex B
9. Q: What Region and Division is our Gravity Vault team located in? (See Annex A)  
A1: Region 702 “Rust Belt” (New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio)  
A2: Division 702 + 701 (“Capital Region”- Virginia, W. Virginia, Maryland)
10. Q: How does my climber qualify for Regional’s?  
A: Youth competitors are required to compete in a minimum of two, USA Climbing sanctioned local competitions as a registered USA Climbing member. (See Q6)
11. Q: Is there a team uniform?  
A: We provide a team shirt for each USA Climbing season and have additional items available seasonally for purchase. Please inquire at the front desk for the latest items available.
12. Q: My child belays while they are at practice, but are not over the 14 year age requirement; can they belay during non practice times?  
A: Team climbers 13 and younger are permitted to belay during supervised practices. They are not permitted to belay non team climbers at any time due to the age requirement of 14+ for climbing while unsupervised by staff.
13. Q: When will my child begin roped “sport lead” climbing?  
A: Coaches will assess a climber’s ability and maturity to participate in lead climbing at the Youth C level for practice purposes only. USA Climbing only permits Youth B, A & Junior categories to compete in lead climbing competitions.

14. Q: I have concerns about (ANYTHING) what can I do?

A: We want to hear from you and are open to your questions and feedback. You can always contact us at the location specific addresses below.

**Upper Saddle River**

- Info@gravityvault.com
- Coach: Matt Ratajczack-  
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**Chatham**

- Chatham@gravityvault.com
- Coach: Ferdie Araga-  
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**Youth Categories for 2015-2016 (Male/ Female)**

Youth D: Born in 2005 or later

Youth A: Born in 1999 or 2000

Youth C: Born in 2003 or 2004

Juniors: Born in 1997 or 1998

Youth B: Born in 2001 or 2002

**Competitions for the 2015-16  
USA Climbing Bouldering Series  
Season 17**



**Local Competitions:** (Other facilities may be hosting competitions in the tri-state area which are not listed here)

1. Saturday, October 17th, 2015  
The Gravity Vault in Chatham, NJ
2. Saturday, October 24th, 2015  
The Gravity Vault in Middletown, NJ
3. Saturday, November 14th, 2015  
The Gravity Vault in Upper Saddle River, NJ
4. Saturday, November 21st, 2015  
New Jersey Rock Gym in Fairfield, NJ  
(Gravity Vault coaches will attend)

**Regional Championships**

- Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>
- Vertical Adventures- 6513 Kingsmill Ct, Columbus, Ohio

**Divisional Championships**

- Saturday & Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>& 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- The Gravity Vault in Upper Saddle River, NJ

**National Championships**

- Friday - Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Location- Not released as of 9.21.15