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FALL 2023 BOULDERING LEAGUE INFORMATION

What is the Gravity Vault Melville Bouldering League?

- The Bouldering League is a friendly adult 6-week bouldering competition in which teams of up to 5 or individuals ("free agents") will compete for points. Scores are determined by how much each individual climber improves based on his/her handicap.

When is it?

- GV Melville's Fall Bouldering League session will start Monday, September 25, 2023 and run for 6 weeks: Monday-Sunday through November 12, 2023.
- We will be skipping the week of October 23, 2023 as we prepare to host our USA Climbing Bouldering Qualifying Event.
- After week 6, there will be a 5-day rest, then ALL teams will meet on **SATURDAY, November 18, 2023** at 4pm for **FINALS**. Climbing will be from 4pm-8pm with awards and after party starting at 8:30pm!

What are the rules?

- Points are awarded based on individual handicap (your current grade), so a team of jug pulling newbs can square off against a team of shirtless crushers! Handicaps are assessed and adjusted (if necessary) *after* each week's scores are calculated.
- You can climb and score any boulder any time, as many times as you like, throughout the series. New boulders will be set each week with +5 additional bonus points per problem being added to your weekly score for sending the new sets. A new QR code will be published during each scoring period to scan & submit your climbs!
- Teams or free agents may climb on any day each week...each climber's top 5 scores will be counted every week and will also count towards your team points each week. Be sure to fill out your score completely...we cannot record scores with incomplete information!
- Your team can climb every day if you like, but scores can only be submitted and recorded one day each week. You should try to coordinate your team climbing day when all your team members are available but if you must occasionally climb on different days, that's ok. Remember, it's more fun to climb with the rest of the community!
- To keep things interesting, the week with the lowest score of the 6 weeks for the team will be dropped from the final team result!

How many in a team and do we all need to climb together?

- 5 people max per team.
- It's a team event so we encourage climbing as a team, but this is not mandatory.
- Team members may climb any league day they like but please no substitute team members.
- Teams must register a name...keep it PG please.
- Team uniforms / themes are strongly encouraged. There will be prizes on finals night for best team uniform / theme and best team slogan!

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What if I don't have a team?

- If you don't have a team...no worries. Free agents can sign up individually and be eligible for the individual prize. You can only qualify for the team cash purse if you are part of a team though.
- If your team is smaller than 5 people, that's OK too; there just needs to be at least 2 people in a team. Your top 5 scores will still be counted based on your individual handicap.

How much does it cost?

- League registration is \$10 per person. *All registration fees are pooled together as a cash purse and given out as prizes on Finals Night so cash only please!*
- If you're an active member there is, of course, no additional cost for gym entry to climb and score.
- If you are not a member, then regular day pass rates apply. However, you can take advantage of our Day Pass specials on the days that apply to you.

Are there any prizes?

- The idea is that this is a friendly competition to provide an additional avenue for our awesome climbing community to come together and share each other's company...but what's competition without something to compete for, right?
 - League registration fees will be pooled as a cash purse and split between the winning team and individual winner.
 - Our awesome sponsors will also be hooking us up with some sweet schwag.
 - There are bragging rights of course...all well and good...but those bragging rights will be immortalized on a winner's photo frame that will be displayed in the gym alongside the GV Melville Bouldering League Winners' Trophy (yes there's a trophy!) for all lesser mortals to revere.

How do I submit my climbs?

- At the start of each week, a new QR code will be posted at the front to scan and submit your climbs from your phone
- Select the five highest graded climbs you sent in today's session. Make sure to put down the date the climb was set (The date on the grade tag of the climb) for your chance to earn bonus points!

Registration is open now and closes at 5pm on Sunday, October 8, 2023.

Bouldering League Week 1 scoring begins Monday, October 2, 2023.

All score submissions are due each week by 8pm Sunday night, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Your scores must be submitted completely each week in order for us to record your scores.

We cannot accept responsibility for scores missed due to missing information on your submissions!