

SPRING 2024 ROPE CLIMBING LEAGUE INFORMATION

What is the Gravity Vault Melville Rope Climbing League?

- The Rope Climbing League is a friendly adult 6-week top rope & lead climbing competition in which individuals or teams of up to five will compete for points. Scores are determined by how much each individual climber improves based on their handicap. More info on the handicap below!

When is it?

- GV Melville's Spring Rope Climbing League session will start Monday, February 12, 2024 and run for 6 weeks: Monday-Sunday through March 31, 2024.
- We will be skipping the week of March 4, 2024 as we prepare to host our Anniversary Party.
- After week 6, there will be a 5-day rest, then ALL teams will meet on **SATURDAY, April 6, 2024** at 8pm for **FINALS**. Climbing will be from 8pm-10pm with awards and after party starting at 10:00pm!

What are the rules?

- Points are awarded based on individual handicap (your current grade), so whether you've been leading trad in the Gunks for years, or just learned to belay last week, you can score the same amount of points!
- You can climb and score, any route any time, throughout the series. You may even score the same route each week! New routes will be set each week with +5 additional bonus points available for routes less than two weeks old! A new QR code will be published during each scoring period to scan & submit your climbs!
- Teams or individuals 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. The climbs you are submitting must be sent that session! 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, each individual's lowest score of the six weeks will be dropped from the final results!

What is a handicap & how does it work?

- Each climber will be given a "Handicap." The goal of this handicap is to put all climbers on an even playing field, letting them climb at their own level and still score as many points as other climbers climbing at different levels. Keep in mind this is a community-based event. Anyone found deliberately sandbagging may have to resubmit their scores for that week.
- Each climber will be assigned a handicap based on their first week's score submissions. From there, you can use the table on the next page to determine scoring.
- If you submit any route that is less than two weeks old, you are rewarded an additional five bonus points per route.
- If you lead any route, you are rewarded an additional two bonus points per route.
- Climbing on auto belays & mock leading count the same as top rope climbing.
- Handicaps will be adjusted as necessary as deemed by the handicap secretary. All adjustments are final.

Handicap	5 Points	10 Points	15 Points	20 Points
5.6	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.8
5.7	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9
5.8	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.10
5.9	5.8	5.9	5.10	5.11
5.10	5.9	5.10	5.11	5.12
5.11	5.10	5.11	5.12	5.13

How many climbers per team and do we all need to climb together?

- Teams must have two to five climbers.
- It's a team event so we encourage climbing as a team but this is not mandatory. You may climb without your teammates. You may not substitute team members once the league has begun
- 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 more!
- If your team is smaller than 5 people, that's OK. Teams will be ranked by the average of everyone's scores so teams of any size are encouraged!

What if I don't have a team?

- If you don't have a team, no worries. Individuals can sign up and be eligible for the individual prize. You can only qualify for the team purse if you are part of a team.

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 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. [Click here to view our weekly specials!](#)

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?
 - All league registration fees will be pooled as a cash purse and split between the winning team and individual winner.
 - Small prizes will be given out to other categories, such as most improved, best team name, best team uniform, etc.
 - The winning team will be immortalized and in the GV Melville Rope Climbing League Winner's Cup! The cup along with the winning team photo will be proudly displayed in the gym.

Registration is now open and closes 9pm Sunday, February 18, 2024.

Rope Climbing League Week 1 Scoring begins Monday, February 12, 2024.

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!