



**Fundamentals  
&  
Competitive**

**Team ULI**

**Informational Packet**

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# Competitive Team

## Overview

The overall goal for the Competitive Team ULI is to compete in local, regional, divisional, and national competitions against like-minded youth competitors while improving climbing skills and having fun. If competing is not for you, please see the Fundamentals Team ULI section.

Team ULI is a member of the Great Lakes Region (502) and is not affiliated with the St. Louis Upper Limits Youth Teams.

## Obligations

USAC Competitive Team ULI has two seasons: Bouldering and Rope. Bouldering Season starts September 1 and runs through February 28/29. Rope Season starts March 1 and runs through August 31. Bouldering session holds only bouldering competitions. Rope Season holds only rope competitions. Youth Divisions Junior, A, and B are expected to lead climb rope season competitions.

In order to maintain status as a member of Team ULI, each individual is expected to do and have the following:

- Personal climbing gear (harness, shoes, chalk bag/chalk, belay device)
- Attend team practices 2-3 times per week
- Compete in at **LEAST** 2 USA Climbing (USAC) sanctioned competitions
- \*Compete in the Regional Championship per season and be prepared to move on if qualified
- Include climbing sessions outside team practices

## Practices

Competitive Team ULI practices take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-8pm. After school ends for summer break practices are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-8pm; the first hour being optional.

Practices are held by team coaches at the gym and are mandatory unless excused by the head coach or full-time manager. Missing excessive practices will result in a team member's removal from Team ULI.

Climbing outside team practices is strongly encouraged. In order to promote a strong competitive youth team, a gym membership is included in all Team ULI memberships.

## Divisions

Each division is based on birth year. Team ULI Members born in 1999 or 2000 will belong to the Junior Division. Team ULI Members born in 2007 and after will belong to the Youth D Division. Each division is broken into Male and Female abbreviated to MJr (Male Junior) or FYD (Female Youth D). Please see the USA Climbing Rulebook for questions about gender under Part 3: Competitor Membership, Participation, and Eligibility.

For the 2017 - 2018 Season

Junior	1999 - 2000
Youth A	2001 - 2002
Youth B	2003 - 2004
Youth C	2005 - 2006
Youth D	2007+

## Competitions

Youth Competitors are required to compete in a minimum of 2 USA Climbing sanctioned youth local competitions in order to be eligible to compete in their Home USA Climbing Youth Regional Championship (Region 502 Great Lakes).

USAC local sanctioned competitions may be completed anywhere in the United States, not just within Region 502. Team ULI Coaches and Managers choose the two required competitions to attend as a team (usually the closest geographically from Upper Limits – Bloomington). If you are unable to attend either of the chosen competitions you must tell the coaches or managers which competitions you will attend BEFORE the first USAC sanctioned competition. A schedule will be provided once it is published by USAC.

If a Team ULI member is not able to compete in two USAC sanctioned competitions during the season, the coaches and managers will evaluate the team member's commitment to Team ULI and could be removed from the team.

## Regional Championship

Team ULI belongs to the Great Lakes Region (502). This region includes gyms in the following states: **Wisconsin**, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, and Kentucky. The Regional Championship could be held in any gym in any of these states for both bouldering (September - February) and rope season (March - August). The top 10 competitors in each division (male and female) are invited to compete in the Divisional Championship.

The Regional Championship is not *required* but is strongly encouraged. Team ULI Members who place within the top 10 of their division in each competition are **expected** to compete in the Regional Championship. Team ULI Members who do not place within the top 10 of their division are **encouraged** to attend the Regional Championship.

## Divisional Championship

Both the Great Lakes Region (502) and the Midwest Region (501) belong to the same division. The Midwest Region includes gyms in the following states: Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas. The Divisional Championship could be held in any gym in any state within Region 501 and 502 for both bouldering (September - February) and rope season (March - August).

Team ULI Members who compete in the Regional Championship and place within the top 10 in their division will be invited to the Divisional Championship. Invited Team ULI Members are **expected** to accept the invitation and compete in the Divisional Championship. Team ULI Members that place within the top 6 in their division at the Divisional Championship will be invited to the National Championship.

## National Championship

Nationals includes all Regions throughout the United States and can be held in any gym in the contiguous United States.

Team ULI Members who place within the top 6 in their division at the Divisional Championship are **expected** to accept the invitation and compete in the National Championship.

## Travel

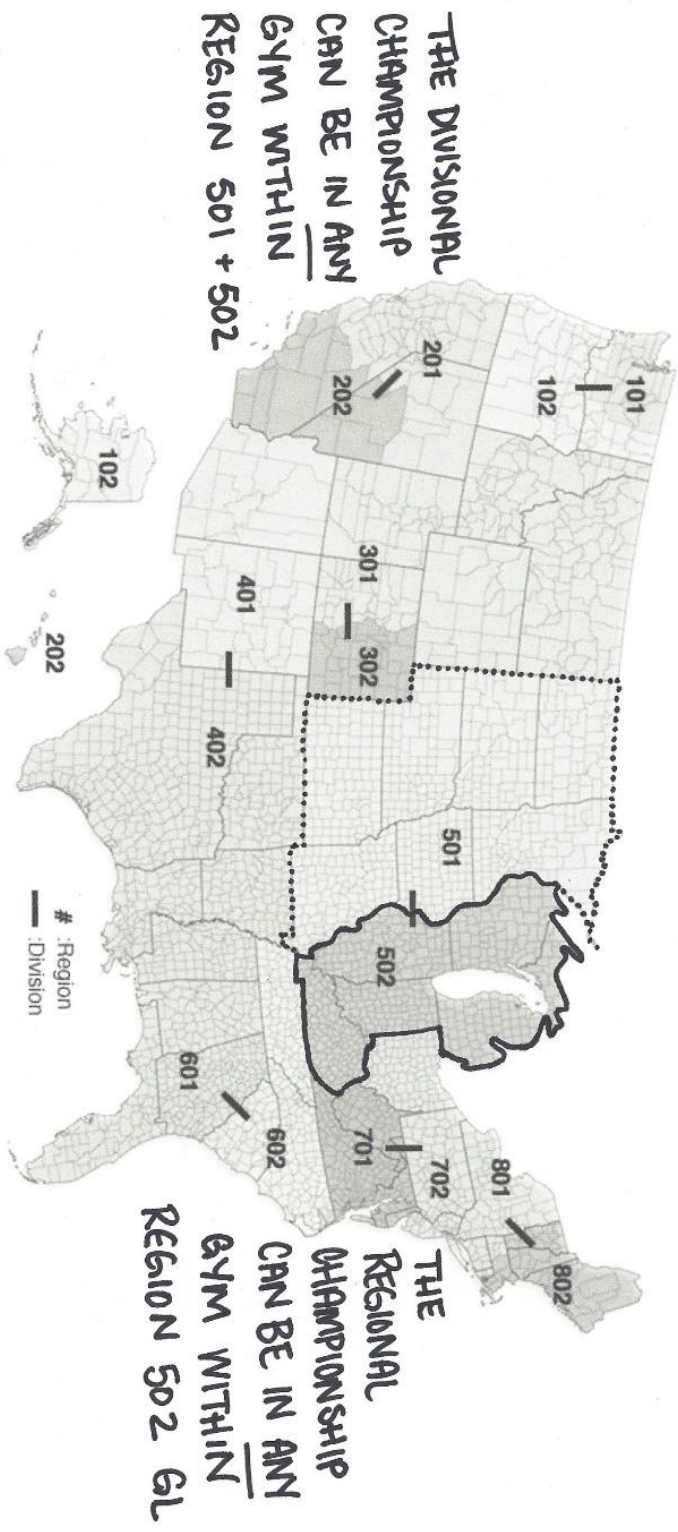
Team ULI will travel to all competitions. At this time, there is no system in place for large group travel although we have plans for the future. Any lodging accommodations are the responsibility of the Team ULI member and parents.

**Coaches are not responsible for travel for Team ULI members.** No Team ULI member will travel with a coach to a competition unless accompanied by a parent or responsible guardian over the age of 18. If you are unable to attend a competition with your Team ULI member please make prior accommodations with other Team ULI parents.

USA Climbing Competition Map

TEAM ULLI USAC MAP

REGION: 502 GREAT LAKES  
DIVISION: 501 + 502



\* CAN ATTEND ANY USAC SANCTIONED LOCAL COMPETITION \*

## Benefits

All USAC Competitive Team ULI Members will receive:

- 4-6 hours of weekly technique and training instruction
- Belay instruction for youth who have not taken Rock Gym 101
- Unlimited climbing at Upper Limits – Bloomington
- \$5 Day Passes at Upper Limits St. Louis (Maryland Heights, Downtown, and Chesterfield)
  - Extra fees may be applied for Wacky Walls at the Chesterfield Location
- 20% discount on gear and accessories in Pro Shop
- 1 Pro Deal Per Year

## Pricing

### Sessions

USAC Competitive Team ULI has two sessions: Bouldering and Rope. Bouldering Season starts September 1 and runs through February 28/29. Rope Season starts March 1 and runs through August 31. Bouldering session holds only bouldering competitions. Rope Season holds only rope competitions. Youth Divisions Junior, A, and B are expected to lead climb rope season competitions. Seasonally paid memberships start and end with the season and have no start-up fee or contract. No refunds will be given.

Price Per Session: \$500 (\$450 after first child)

### Monthly

Monthly Team ULI Memberships are an EFT (electronic funds transferred) contract with a one-time \$25 start-up fee. Monthly memberships are drafted at the beginning of each month and will continue unless a written cancellation is given prior to the first of the month. No refunds will be given.

Monthly Membership: \$95/month (\$80/month after first child)

### Yearly

Yearly Team ULI Memberships are available in September ONLY. Yearly Team ULI Members pay a one-time membership fee for the entire year at the beginning of the USAC Season and will cover both Bouldering and Rope seasons. No refunds will be given.

Yearly Membership: \$850 (\$750 after first child)

### Competitions

Competition prices vary by year and by gym. The average USAC Sanctioned Competition is \$40 per participant. Two USAC Sanctioned competitions are required to qualify for the Regional Championship.

The Regional Championship also varies by year. During the 2016-2017 season, the Regional Championship fee was \$110. Expect anywhere between \$110 and \$150 registration fees for the Regional, Divisional, and National Championships per Championship.

USAC Sanctioned Local Competition Fees: ~\$40/competition  
USAC Regional, Divisional, National Fees: ~\$110-150/competition

**All competition registrations will be handled by the Team ULI Member and parent.**

## USA Climbing Membership

Each USAC Competitive Team ULI Member must be registered each year as a USAC Member. Memberships run from September 1 through August 31.

USAC Membership Fee: \$95/year

**USA Climbing registration will be handled by the Team ULI Member and parent.**

## Pricing Breakdown

The price of a Team ULI Membership covers facility, equipment, and coaching fees.

The USAC Membership Fee benefits all USAC events and competitors and is paid directly to USA Climbing. Competition Fees are paid directly to the host gym.

	<b>Session</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Yearly</b>
<b>Price</b>	\$500	\$95	\$850
<b>Fees</b>	-----	\$25 (one time)	-----
<b>USAC</b>	\$95 (yearly)	\$95 (yearly)	\$95 (yearly)
<b>Competitions</b>	\$80 (\$40/each)	\$80 (\$40/each)	\$80 (\$40/each)
<b>Due at Registration</b>	\$500	\$120	\$850

If paying by session or year: Session 1 or Yearly payment must be made on or before September 1. Yearly memberships are ONLY available on or before September 1. Session 2 payment must be made on or before March 1.

## Discipline

Climbing is an inherently dangerous sport. While we can mitigate the risks involved with climbing, the risks are still real. If at any time a coach or manager recognizes any misconduct or dangerous activity from any Team ULI member that member may be removed from team immediately with no guarantee of rejoining depending on the severity.

Written warnings will be given for violating any gym rule, any of the Terms & Conditions from the registration contract, or failure to listen to coaches or any Upper Limits employee. Each written warning must be signed by a parent and returned to the head coach before participating in any team activities.

If a second written warning is given for any of the above infractions the Team ULI member will be suspended from team activities for one week and the warning must be signed by a parent and returned to the head coach.



If a third written warning is given for any of the above infractions the Team ULI member will be suspended from Team ULI for the remainder of the session and no refunds will be given. A meeting between coaches, managers, and parents will determine if the Team ULI member will return the following session.

# Fundamentals Team

## Overview

The overall goal for the Fundamentals Team ULI is to improve climbing skills and have fun in the meantime. If you are interested in competing, please see the USA Climbing Competitive Team ULI section.

## Obligations

In order to maintain status as a member of Team ULI, each individual is expected to do and have the following:

- Personal climbing gear (harness, shoes, chalk bag/chalk, belay device)
- Attend team practices 1 time per week
- Include climbing sessions outside team practices

## Practices

Fundamentals Team ULI practices take place on Monday evenings from 6-8pm. If the team grows over 25 participants additional times and days may be added.

Practices are held by team coaches at the gym and are mandatory unless excused by the head coach or full-time manager. Missing excessive practices will result in a team member's removal from Team ULI.

Climbing outside team practices is strongly encouraged. In order to promote a strong youth team, a gym membership is included in all Team ULI memberships.

## Benefits

All Fundamentals Team ULI Members will receive:

- 2 hours of weekly technique and training instruction
- Belay instruction for youth who have not taken Rock Gym 101
- Unlimited climbing at Upper Limits – Bloomington
- \$5 Day Passes at Upper Limits St. Louis (Maryland Heights, Downtown, and Chesterfield)
  - Extra fees may be applied for Wacky Walls at the Chesterfield Location
- 15% discount on gear and accessories in Pro Shop

# Pricing

## Sessions

Fundamentals Team ULI has two sessions: Fall and Spring. Fall session starts September 1 and ends December 31. Spring session Starts January 1 and ends April 30. Session paid memberships start and end with the session and have no start-up fee or contract. No refunds will be given.

Price Per Session: \$275 (\$225 after first child)

## Monthly

Monthly Team ULI Memberships are an EFT (electronic funds transferred) contract with a one-time \$25 start-up fee. Monthly memberships are drafted at the beginning of each month and will continue unless a written cancellation is given prior to the first of the month. No refunds will be given.

Monthly Membership: \$75/month (\$60/month after first child)

## Yearly

Yearly Team ULI Memberships are available in September ONLY. Yearly Team ULI Members pay a one-time membership fee for the entire year at the beginning of the Fall session and will cover both Fall and Spring sessions. No refunds will be given.

Yearly Membership: \$450 (\$375 after first child)

## Pricing Breakdown

The price of a Team ULI Membership covers facility, equipment, and coaching fees.

	<b>Session</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Yearly</b>
<b>Price</b>	\$275	\$75	\$450
<b>Fees</b>	-----	\$25 (one time)	-----
<b>Due at Registration</b>	\$275	\$100	\$450

If paying by session: Session 1 payment must be made on or before September 1. Session 2 payment must be made on or before March 1. If paying yearly, payment must be made on or before September 1.

## Discipline

Climbing is an inherently dangerous sport. While we can mitigate the risks involved with climbing, the risks are still real. If at any time a coach or manager recognizes any misconduct or dangerous activity from any Team ULI member that member may be removed from team immediately with no guarantee of rejoining depending on the severity.

Written warnings will be given for violating any gym rule, any of the Terms & Conditions from the registration contract, or failure to listen to coaches or any Upper Limits employee. Each written warning must be signed by a parent and returned to the head coach before participating in any team activities.

If a second written warning is given for any of the above infractions the Team ULI member will be suspended from team activities for one week and the warning must be signed by a parent and returned to the head coach.

If a third written warning is given for any of the above infractions the Team ULI member will be suspended from Team ULI for the remainder of the session and no refunds will be given. A meeting between coaches, managers, and parents will determine if the Team ULI member will return the following session.

## Scholarships & Grants

### Scholarship

The Upper Limits Youth Team Scholarship will be awarded to one youth per team who seeks to enrich their life through the physical and mental activity provided by rock climbing and the camaraderie developed in a team environment. This is a need based scholarship that is designated for families with a total household income less than \$50,000. Priority will be given to those in need of financial assistance. Recipients will receive waived program fees including USAC Membership and Competition Fees. One scholarship awarded per session per team.

To apply for the scholarship for the 2017-2018 Session 1 Scholarship, download the application from our website: [www.upperlimits.com/bloomington](http://www.upperlimits.com/bloomington).

### Grant

The Upper Limits Youth Team Grant will be awarded to one youth per team who seeks to enrich their life through the physical and mental activity provided by rock climbing and the camaraderie developed in a team environment. This is a need based grant that is designated for families with a total household income less than \$50,000. Priority will be given to those in need of financial assistance. Recipients will pay 50% of program fee. The grant will cover the additional 50%. The Grant does not cover USAC Membership or Competition Fees for the USAC Competitive Team. One grant awarded per session per team.

To apply for the grant for the 2017-2018 Team ULI Grant, download the application from our website: [www.upperlimits.com/bloomington](http://www.upperlimits.com/bloomington).

### Deadlines

Deadlines for both the Scholarship and Grant for both teams will be August 15 with a decision made by August 20 for Session 1. Session 2 deadline for Scholarship and Grant applications will be December 15 with a decision made by December 20 for the Fundamentals Team. Session 2 deadline for Scholarship and Grant applications will be February 15 with a decision made by February 20 for the USAC Competitive Team.

Both Scholarship & Grant applications are to be submitted in **typed, hard copy format** to Upper Limits Activities & Marketing Manager by the deadline. Applications will not be accepted after the deadline.

Scholarships and Grants are on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you would like additional information on Team ULI or have any questions, please call 309-829-8255 and ask to speak with a manager.

*All applications and information submitted will be held in strict confidentiality. The application information will only be used for determining the qualifications for the Upper Limits Youth Climbing Team Scholarship and/or Grant.*

## Registration

### Deadlines

#### Session 1

Registration for Session 1 of both teams begins August 1 and ends September 1 for yearly and session members. Monthly registration is available year-round.

#### Session 2

Registration for Session 2 begins December 1 and ends January 1 for the Fundamentals Team for session members. Monthly registration is available year-round. Registration for Session 2 begins February 1 and ends March 1 for the USAC Competitive Team.

### Forms

Please pick up paper registration forms from the front desk; you may also download registration forms from our website: [www.upperlimits.com/bloomington](http://www.upperlimits.com/bloomington). Payment is expected at the time of registration.

## Contact

For any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the Activities & Marketing manager, Michael by phone, email, or appointment.

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