

Who are the coaches?

Greg Hull... coaches the elite vaulters for Sky Athletics and the world famous training group Altis. He has had athletes in the past four Olympic Games including the 2000 Gold Medalists Stacy Dragila and Nick Hysong, April Stienen Bennett, Kelsey Hendry, and most recently 2011 US Champion Kylie Hutson. Coach Hull is in his 43rd year of coaching vault camps, and is currently coaching at Altis, the premier elite athlete training center in the world. He also currently serves as Senior Coach for USA Track & Field Olympic Development for the pole vault. A **USATF Master Coach**, Greg has been successful at the high school, junior college, university, and international levels, including work at both Arizona State and Northern Arizona Universities. Currently he is the premier speaker at coaching clinics throughout the country.

Todd Lehman... directs all camps and clinics at Sky Athletics. As Assoc. Head Coach at Grand Canyon University, he has coached 4 NCAA All-Americans. As Head Coach at Paradise Valley Community College from '99-'13, he produced 24 NJCAA National Champions and 12 NJCAA National Records and was named the **2003 National Collegiate Pole Vault Coach of the Year**. Lehman is a USATF Level II Certified Coach, and has spent time coaching at the United States Air Force Academy and Indiana State University, PVCC, and GCU.

Matt Hull... coaches the pole vault and hammer throwers at the University of New Mexico after serving the same position at Albuquerque Academy. Matt coached 9 state champions including New Mexico's first female vaulter over 12'. His understanding of the event allows him to work successfully with all ability levels.

Robert Tilley... is the **2003 National High School Coach of the Year** from Green Valley High School in Las Vegas. Coach Tilley conducts his own camps as well as directing the Pure Sky Vault Club in the Las Vegas area. He has one of the most successful vault programs in the Southwest.

Jeff Guy... is the **2001 & 2010 National High School Coach of the Year** from Desert Vista High School. Jeff's vaulters have won 26 state titles, and he has the only HS vault program in the country with 5 girls over 12' at one time. Coach Guy also runs the very successful Ultimate High Vault club in Tempe. Jeff is a USATF Level II certified coach.

Dason Phelps... is the pole vault coach at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, IL. He is the NJCAA record holder and the only JUCO vaulter to ever jump over 18'. He has a personal best of 18'3" and is an excellent technician. DP has a great capacity for sharing his skills with young vaulters and shares an enthusiasm that is infectious.

Camilo Tafur... is the pole vault coach at Paradise Valley Community College as well as at Scottsdale Saquaro HS. Coach Tafur is a true teacher of the event and brings an infectious energy to the athletes he works with.

Ryan Kreisberg... is the pole vault coach at Brophy Prep and Xavier College Prep. Coach Kreisberg has been involved with KTS camps as a camper, counselor, and now as a coach. He's also been an assistant coach with the successful Pole Pilots program in Tucson.

Joe Sarra... coaches the highly successful State College Area HS program in PA. Coach Sarra's passion, energy, and attention to technical detail is exceptional and leaves young vaulters eager for more. He's coached many state champions in the PV and Javelin in PA.

Jason Cotton... is the Head Coach at James Buchanan HS in PA and has been coaching the vault since 2001. Coach Cotton makes vaulting fun and is always happy about teaching a new group of kids.



2017 Kiss the Sky Summer Camp

June 25th – 29th

Full Camper:	\$625.00
Day Camper:	\$525.00
Deposit:	\$200.00

(NON REFUNDABLE Deposit due May 27th)

A **Late Fee of \$50.00** will be charged to all campers enrolling after deposits are due May 27th. Fees include all instruction, insurance, t-shirt, room and board. All registration and all deposits should be paid for on-line at www.skyathletics.com/camp. All balances are due at check-in. Please send any checks to:

Kiss the Sky Vault Camps
11024 N 35th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85028
602 821.3771

REGISTER HERE

www.skyathletics.com/camp

"I've never had more fun and learned as much as I did at the Kiss the Sky Pole Vault Camps and Club."

April Steiner-Bennett - 2008 Olympian

Camp Format

Come join us in the cool pines at Tonto Creek Camp in Northern Arizona for our 43rd **Annual Summer Vault Camp**. Enjoy the mild summer days in the high altitude of Northern Arizona while you learn what it takes to become a better vaulter. Each summer the best pole vaulters in the Southwest join each other to learn, compete, and push each other to new boundaries. Campers will experience this sense of camaraderie while achieving higher heights at this camp. Skill testing, new drills and training techniques in addition to plenty of jumping opportunities on multiple pits are just some of the camp's many highlights. Participants will also benefit from a low coach to athlete ratio, receiving individual instruction from the best coaching staff in the United States. Camp staff will share the progressions and techniques that took Stacy Dragila, Nick Hysong, Tori Pena, and Melissa Mueller to the Olympic Games. Days will consist of two vault sessions with recreation/rest time built into the schedule. Evenings will be filled with lectures, activities and free time. Learn what it will take for you to improve your vaulting. Whether fine tuning your skills or learning how to pole vault for the very first time, this camp will fit your needs. Don't miss out on this great opportunity.



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2017 Summer Camp Informed Consent and Release

Note: This is not a registration form. All registration will be done online at www.skyathletics.com/camp

Name _____

Mother's Name _____

Mother's Cell (_____) _____

Father's Name _____

Father's Cell (_____) _____

Home Phone (_____) _____

Emergency Phone (_____) _____



This form must be completed and submitted with payment before you will be allowed to participate.

I hereby grant permission for myself / child to attend Kiss the Sky Vault Camps (KTSVC). I verify that I / my child has had a physical exam in the past year and is capable to participate in the activities related to pole vaulting. I agree to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend Greg Hull, Todd Lehman, KTSVC, USA Track and Field, Grand Canyon University, Arizona State University, Tonto Creek Camp, their agents, employees and sponsors from any and all liability for injury to myself and / or my child, as well as any damage caused by myself and or my child. I understand that track and field, in particular pole vaulting, and many other activities related to KTSVC are potentially dangerous and could pose risk of injury. Should medical attention be necessary, I hereby authorize any physician or trainer selected by club personnel to conduct medical or surgical procedures. In addition, I hereby grant permission for Kiss the Sky to use any photographs or videotape of club related activities for the purpose of advertising or educational materials development.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD, AND I AGREE WITH THE INFORMED
CONSENT AND RELEASE OUTLINED AS IT RELATES TO MY
SELF/SON/DAUGHTER.

Participant signature _____

Parent / Guardian signature _____

How do I register?

All registration will be done online at www.skyathletics.com/camp

Who can participate?

All male and female athletes age 10 and up are eligible to participate. This is the perfect environment for athletes who have never vaulted before to learn the proper technical progressions.

What are the accommodations?

Campers will be staying in dorms and cabins at Tonto Creek Camp. Boys and Girls will be housed in separate areas. Campers will have 24-hour supervision by counselors and staff. There will be mandatory lights out and bed checks at 10:30 pm each evening. Campers will eat three meals a day at the Tonto Creek Camp Cafeteria. All activity sessions will be held on site at Tonto Creek Camp.

What do I need to bring?

Campers will need to bring the following items: workout clothes, running shoes, spikes, hat, sunscreen, sleeping bag and/or sheets and blankets, pillow, water bottle, and toiletries. Please bring appropriate water play clothes, as campers will be able to cool off in Tonto Creek. Weather can vary from hot to cold so be prepared with appropriate clothing. Be aware that there is cell phone coverage at Tonto Creek Camp however it can be spotty. We caution campers from bringing valuables to camp. KTSVC will not be responsible for lost or stolen items. We will have a camp store that will sell snacks, drinks, clothing, and pole vault related items. We suggest campers bring a small amount of cash for these items.

Kiss the Sky Camps will provide poles for campers to use; however if you can bring your own poles it can be advantageous.

Where do I check-in?

Check-in will be held at the Tonto Creek Camp dormitories on Sunday June 25th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. All remaining balances will be due at check-in.

Final Day Completions

Parents, family, coaches, and fans are all welcome and encouraged to come watch all campers as they compete in a relaxed environment at our final session. All campers will put together the skills learned throughout the camp as they jump at bungee crossbars. Competitions will be scheduled at 9:00 and 10:30am.

Coaches Come to Camp?

Coaches who wish to come to camp to learn and observe the Kiss the Sky Camp staff may attend. Call 602 821-3771 for more information if interested in more details.

jump@skyathletics.com

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Summer Camp Schedule

May 27th	Deposits Due (\$200.00) Balances Due @ Check-in	
June 25th	1:00 - 3:00pm 4:00pm 5:00 - 7:00pm 7:30 - 8:00pm	Check-in @ Dorms Orientation Session one Dinner
June 26th – 28th	7:30am 8:00 - 9:00am 9:30 - 1:00pm 1:00 - 2:00pm 2:00 - 7:00pm 7:00 - 8:00pm 8:00 - 9:00pm 9:00 - 10:00pm 10:30pm	Wake up Breakfast Morning Training Lunch / Break Afternoon Training Dinner / Break Evening Session Evening free time Lights out
June 29th	7:00am 7:30 - 8:15am 8:30 - 10:00am 10:00 - 11:30am 11:30 - 1:00pm	Wake up Breakfast / Pack Competition - Beg Competition - Girls Competition - Boys



Philosophy Statement

We are at a time in the history of the Pole Vault where the event is facing both great opportunity and great scrutiny. With the inclusion of women to the event, pole vaulting is enjoying a new wave of popularity and exposure. At the same time, rising costs of equipment and growing concerns for liability have made administrators and schools nervous.

Our camps are part of an effort to help promote vaulting in a way that allows for safety and success to go hand in hand. By following our learning progressions, all vaulters can improve at their own comfort level. Emphasis is on learning the basics of the event before tackling the more advanced concepts.

As in all athletic events, there is no one correct way to achieve success. Our methodology has been used for years by the Kiss the Sky staff as well as other successful vault coaches. These methods are proven to properly and safely develop the young vaulter.

Keep in mind that there are always different approaches to the same idea. Our methods, with specific consideration to individuality, can serve as a guide to both athletes and coaches.

It is important as fans and participants of this spectacular event that we communicate, ask questions, and work together in order to make it safe and fun for everyone. One of our goals is to give administrators and schools the confidence that vaulters are learning and training in a safe, exciting environment. The pole vault has a rich and colorful history. Through our camps and others like it, we look for it to have an exciting future.

Kiss the Sky,

Greg Hull
Todd Lehman

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