

**SHOCKER TRACK CLUB**

**Youth Team Pole Vault**

**Optional Swimming Pool Practice Dates**

**Saturdays - November 21, December 19, January 23, February 20 – 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**WHERE ARE WE DOING THIS?**

The Northeast Magnet High School Swimming Pool is immediately east of the gym on the lower level.

**WHAT IT IS**

Underwater pole vaulting is very beneficial in learning how to get inverted, or getting upside down, while vaulting. It helps in learning to stay close to the pole so the Vaulters shoots upward instead of outward at the finish of the vault. Vaulters will experience the sense of weightlessness that will enable them to slow things down and make it easier to get their bodies in the proper position.  Pool practice also provides an opportunity for Aqua-Kinetic” resistance training to help strengthen appropriate muscles. We will start in the shallow end and progress to the deep end.

Here is a link to an informational video - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tz7PsaUedMM&sns=em>

**DO I HAVE TO DO THIS?**

No, this is completely optional. If you do not feel comfortable in the pool you may observe, or participate in regular practice. The gym will be open for regular Pole Vault practice between 100p and 400p.

**WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING?**

Please wear appropriate, modest, swimwear. Bring pool sandals, towels, and a pair of swim goggles with a covered nose, or goggles and a separate nose clip. You can find these at Wal-Mart, Target, Dick’s, Academy Sports, or other sporting goods stores for between $5 and $10.  STC PV Coaches will have a few extra goggle sets for use. Restrooms are available for changing.

**WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?**

1 - Come with a ready, safe attitude, and a desire to learn. Some of your teammates have done this before, so ask questions of them!

2 – Please approach this opportunity responsibly and act like mature, young adults. The Coaches will address any inappropriate actions, or comments, directed towards teammates immediately. Repeat offenses may result in removal from the pool area.

3 – The diving boards are off limits.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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