



Benedictine University - Lisle, IL

June 26<sup>th</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup>

*(individual open events start 6/28)*

The USATF Youth Outdoor Championships annually attracts youth athletes from across the country and the 2017 meet promises to be even more exciting for athletes, coaches, family members and spectators than your typical invitational! This event typically produces several youth national records and is the only track & field competition that also awards team championships in every age division!

This meet is more than a competition--it is also about having fun! Regardless of whether young athletes achieve a personal best or win a medal, they will experience a first-class competition and have the opportunity to make new friends--and a lifetime of memories. In fact, in 2016 Hershey Blaze Athletes were awarded more than 30 medals including 5 national champions!

Though this meet is not required for HBTC athletes we would like to invite those who would like to attend an opportunity to do so. There are no qualifying times/marks but recommended performance guidelines if athletes desire to be competitive with the top performing athletes. You can see the coaches for more information there. The more Blaze athletes we have- the merrier! One of the advantages rests in our breadth and depth as a club. We can win with our relays!

### **Traveling to Illinois**

Expected Departure Date: 6/27/17

Expected Return Date: 7/1/17

We want to travel as a team if we can and hope to stay in the same hotel so that we can continue to bond while away. If you are interested in traveling together, we will be arranging van transportation to Illinois from the Hershey area. We will be stopping half way for rest and meals both ways. The number of people interested will determine the shared cost for this option. Lisle, IL is a Chicago suburb and we estimate it will be about a 10.5 hour drive. Traveling with friends can provide lots of fun and entertainment. As in 2015, some coaches will be traveling and can chaperone any athletes ages 13 & older whose parents will not be attending. Please, respond to Coach Paynter by June 1<sup>st</sup> with your interest in traveling as a group or sending your athlete(13 or older). From there we can assess cost information and get that out to you asap.

**Below is the lodging information:**

**Team Hotel-** Hampton Inn Chicago/ Naperville 1087 East Diehl Road, Naperville, IL 60563

Weeknight rate of \$116

Meals: Breakfast included at the hotel.

On the same lot are the following Hotels:

Embassy Suites

Fairfield Inn & Suites

Courtyard

There are a number of restaurants surrounding the hotel area and within walking distance.

**Spectator Tickets:** \$8/daily or \$40 for the week

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**Important links regarding the Hershey USATF Outdoor Championships**

**Meet Schedule:** <http://www.usatf.org/Events---Calendar/2017/USATF-National-Youth-Outdoor-Championships/Schedule.aspx>

**General Athlete Information:** <http://www.usatf.org/Events---Calendar/2017/USATF-National-Youth-Outdoor-Championships/Athlete-Info.aspx>

Looking forward to it!

Coach Paynter