Tony Angel is gearing up to open a new gymnastics studio in Lutz, and he’s planning to introduce an element he doesn’t believe exists at any other gym in the Tampa Bay area.

It’s not a new gymnastics apparatus, or a new gymnastic technique.

He’s installing two cameras that will film the classes so parents who are out and about can go online to watch their children performing their gymnastic routines.

“As far as I know, in the Tampa area, we’re going to be the first and only one to do it,” Angel said.

His gym, Angel’s Gymnastics, will initially be offering competitive classes only for girls but will house recreational classes for boys as well.

Coming out of high school, Angel never thought he would work with kids.

After 21 years of coaching gymnastics however, his latest business venture centers on them.

This is after he was bought out at Premiere Gymnastics and decided to start his own gym.

The Barrington, Ill. native lost heart in owning a gym for a little while, but said it was always in the back of his mind that sooner or later he would start up again.

Angel said the gym will start out just training girls competitively, noting the gym is recognized by USAG — the feeder system for the Olympics.

“Our team is going to be USA competitive, but the classes are going to be set up so that when they decide to go to team — if they do decide, they don’t have to — they will be training the exact same skills and the same routines,” Angel stressed.

Angel’s Gymnastics is located at 18437 US 41 N. For more information, call the gym at (813) 909-9510 or visit angelsgymnastics.com.

Tony Angel said his gym has top-notch equipment. Pending a fire marshal investigation to set the occupancy limit and make sure everything is fine, Angel’s Gymnastics should open up by early December, with preregistration already available. (Photos by Eugenio Torrens)

Tony Angel talks on the phone sorting out plans to get his gym up and running. While Angel has coached gymnastics for 21 years, he said being the sole person in charge is a bit more demanding.

‘Let these kids enjoy being good at gymnastics,’ he said.

For that reason, Angel plans to train up to a certain level of gymnast, but he won’t be coaching Olympians — pointing out how that takes resources and time that his gym doesn’t have in its infancy.

‘Down the road, would we have elites? Yes Right now, my main concern is happy, healthy kids and maybe some college scholarships.

With an exhaustive resume under his belt, including coaching more than 200 state champions by his count, Angel said he embraces the opportunity to run a gym the way he envisions.

“You’re wearing all the hats,” Angel said about being in charge. “Definitely it’s a little harder, but if you just stay diligent, you can get it all done.”

He said the location of his new business is a perfect launching point.

“Because times are hard, I’m keeping my prices lower than everyone else,” said Angel, who also is shaving off 10 percent for law enforcement, fire fighters and any active military to ‘give them a little break in life.”

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