



Welcome Riders!

Thank you for your support of the 2018 Fiesta Wildflower Ride. We appreciate you! Please read this document carefully. By following the guidelines included here you will have a safe and memorable experience. We're so happy you are spending your Sunday with us! Enjoy the day!

Approximately 200 volunteers are helping to ensure you have a great day. Many have been working for months contributing their valuable time and resources to make this event a success. Several police departments will be assisting riders with safe passage along the routes. Please be courteous to the volunteers and the police along the course. We ask that you partner with us to make sure our police officers providing traffic control and all the volunteers want to return next year!

Packet pick up-

Rolling Oaks Mall

6909 N Loop 1604E
San Antonio TX 78247

Thursday April 19th from 4pm-7pm

Friday April 20th from 4pm-7pm

Saturday April 21st from noon-7pm

The above packet pick up times will be located **inside** the mall. Park near the main entrance on the lower level of the mall by **JCPenney**. We will be in the main court area.

If you are picking up multiple packets please have all names legibly printed or typed on a piece of paper for the volunteers to work from. You will be required to print and sign your name, provide your ID and we will keep the paper for our records

EXPO will be held on Saturday April 21st from noon to 5pm.

Please show your support to our sponsors and the vendors that will be present. By coming to the expo you help it grow!

There will be an **additional packet pick up opportunity on Sunday before the ride from 7-8**. This will be located under the big lights next to the starting chute. We encourage you to pick up your packet at any of the other times listed above if at all possible. If you must pick up your packet Sunday please arrive early and bring your patience since it's sure to be crowded.

Helpful Hints:

* **Arriving early** to pick up your packet typically **doesn't work** since the volunteers will be setting up the area.

* **DO NOT** pick up a packet for someone else unless you have made **prior arrangements** to do so.

* Thursday is not the best day to pick up your packet. Volunteers are much smoother by Friday and nearly professionals by Saturday!

We are unable to exchange tee shirts at packet pick up. If you decide you need a different size check back with us when you RETURN from your ride on Sunday. If you registered too late to get a tee shirt in the size you wanted or at all please check back with us Sunday morning when you RETURN from your ride. We would be happy to accommodate you at that time if possible. We can't do exchanges before the ride on Sunday because there will still be riders picking up their packet right up until the start. If you have a family member or friend that would like to exchange for you that's fine they'll just need to wait till the retail area is set up.

Pre Ride Prep-

It is important to prepare for your ride in advance.

*Fill out emergency data on the back of your ride number. (Number goes on the back of your jersey and the small sticker goes on the front of your helmet)

***Come to the event with two full water bottles**

***You MUST wear a helmet. ←no exceptions.** Any rider seen without a helmet will be asked to surrender their ride number and asked to leave the course.

*Make sure your bike is in good condition and is mechanically sound

*Pump up your tires

*Pack extra tubes and supplies to take care of minor mechanicals out on the course

*Take energy gels and bars with you on the ride. The ride will have fully stocked rest stops but you don't want to be 5 miles from nowhere without nutrition if needed.

*Wear sunscreen even if it's cloudy!

Event Parking-

Anticipate the chaos! Please arrive early and allow time for traffic congestion. Please plan on arriving by 7am to give yourself time for those last minute needs: porta potties, pumping up tires, helmet/shoes etc. All 4 entrances to the mall will be open, feel free to use them and avoid waiting in long lines to enter the parking lot. The event is staged on the back side of the mall near Incarnate Word/JCPenney.

ROLLING OAKS MALL
6909 N Loop 1604E
San Antonio TX, 78247

Teams:

We suggest arriving at 6:30 to set up your team canopy and supplies. You will find your spot labeled and you will have a bike rack available for your riders to use. Parking shouldn't be a problem at that time-park by JCP(backside), that's the closest store to finish compound. Make sure your canopy is secured...we don't want any blowing away while you are riding!

Start Line-

Opening remarks will begin at 7:30 and will include a colors presentation by the award winning ROTC drill team from Churchill HS, a Fiesta Royalty appearance, and a welcome from Morgan's Wonderland.

Line up according to the distance you plan to complete. You will see flags that designate your start area. Line up **BEHIND** the flag for your distance. We will do our best to give you enough space to line up in your appropriate section.

60mile FAST PACE (20mph average)- Blue Flag←departs at 8am

60mile FUN PACE- Red Flag←departs at 8:05

40mile- Green Flag← departs at 8:10

20mile-Black Flag← departs at 8:15

Route Details←very important please read completely!!!

Safety First:

*Follow ALL traffic laws. Unless you are directed to by a uniformed police officer to pass through you are required to stop at all traffic lights and stop signs.

***NEVER EVER** pass a rider on the right! If you are passing someone please call out “on your left” so they will know you are coming around. Don’t assume the rider in front can hear you behind them.

* Please be mindful of your speed when going down Kreuger Canyon(60&40mi. routes). This is a very fast descent. SLOW DOWN and stay to the right of the road. You are responsible for controlling the speed of your bike. Do not endanger others with excessive speed.

*If you see a stranded rider on the road and you can help, please do. We will have lots of newbies participating and seeing that kind of support from our more experienced riders will help grow our sport.

*Never ride more than two abreast. If you are on a narrow road and see any traffic at all please ride single file.

*If you are joining a group of riders out on the road make your presence known. Talk to the riders around you and don’t follow too closely... especially if you don’t have experience riding behind that person.

*When pulling into a rest stop make it known to the riders around you that you are stopping. Pull completely off the road at the rest stops

Stay on Track~

We have provided 3 ways to help you stay on track. We suggest every rider utilize at least two so that one provides you with a back up!

1. **Printed map.** The printed map will show you an overview of your route and provide you with turn by turn directions as well as distances from one turn to the next.
2. **Signs** out on the course showing you which way to turn. The directional signs are placed 3ft from the edge of the road and far enough from the approaching turn to allow for time to slow down. These signs will all have the event logo. Follow the arrows according to the distance you have chosen and the ones that say “all riders”.
3. Downloadable **GPX file** for all you techies is also available on the event website. General info tab then Maps on the pulldown.
www.fiestawildflower.com

Please note: While we make every effort to mark the course with signage we can't always get out to replace signage that has been stolen or knocked down. It is in your best interest to use your map while on the ride and review it before the ride.

Helpful Tips:

*Remember this is an open course. There may be other riders out for a Sunday spin. Don't assume that if you see riders turning that you should follow them, especially if you don't see a route sign and your map hasn't directed you to.

*Remember there will be sections of your route with miles passing before you turn. This doesn't mean you are lost. If you are worried look at your map to check.

Remember... two forms of directions!

*These routes would be considered hilly by most standards. If you haven't adequately trained please line up with a shorter distance. Nothing takes the fun out of a ride faster than it lasting too long!

Details by distance ← Please read all details for your route below:

Rest Stops Menus:

Water, Skratch Labs Electrolyte Drink, Pickles, Bananas, Oranges, Breakfast Bars, Gels, Clif Blox, Fig Cookies, Sugar Wafers, Sandwich Cookies, Nutter Butter Peanut Butter cookies, PB&J's and rice crispy treats.

60 Mile Metric Challenge:

Route Alerts:

Mile 16.5 going down Krueger Canyon. This is not your average downhill. It is extremely fast. EVERYONE SLOW DOWN. Remember not all on the course are experienced riders. Stay to the right and never cross the mid line. Course is open to traffic.

Mile 17.2 Don't miss your turn to the right to stay on Krueger Canyon. It comes up really fast after the steep descent.

Mile 28.5 to mile 28.9 LOTS of turns! Don't miss any.

Mile 48.7 Use caution when approaching Engel/IH35. It is not a 4 way stop! Cross traffic does not have a stop sign.

Rest Stops:

Mile 10 in front of Rockwall Ranch

Mile 18 Solms Park

Mile 29 KDJ Insurance

Mile 44.8 Santa Clara City Hall

Mile 53.2 at John Paul HS

40 Mile Route:

Route alerts:

Mile 17.2 Don't miss your turn to the right to stay on Krueger Canyon. It comes up really fast after the steep descent.

Mile 26.8 Bear left onto Green Valley Rd. and pay attention you are only on this road for .2 mile

Mile 28.7 Use caution when approaching Engel/IH35 cross traffic does not stop and then pay attention. Very short distance on access road (.2) before the right onto Marigold.

Rest Stops:

Mile 10.2 In front of Rockwall Ranch

Mile 18 at Solms Park

Mile 31.5 at John Paul HS

Please take note of distances between stops.

20 Mile Route

Just a few turns on this morning ride! You'll have a chance to stretch your legs at the rest stop located at John Paul HS. Rest stop is at mile 9.3

Road Crew:

First Aid: first aid kits will be located at each rest stop for minor issues. Bike Medics will also be on the courses assisting as needed. A medic tent will be set up at the finish line should you need assistance at the conclusion of your ride.

Mechanical Issues: you must be prepared to service your own bike while out on the course. If you need assistance beyond what you are able to do there will be SAG support along the course to transport you to the nearest rest stop. Rest stops will have mechanical assistance provided by local bike shops. Please be prepared to pay for tubes etc. that you may require to get back on the road.

SAG Support: If you should need assistance because you are too fatigued to complete your chosen course you will be picked up and transported to a central rest stop where you will be directed to rest while waiting for transportation back to Rolling Oaks Mall. Please be patient while waiting. We always do our best to make it happen in a timely manner.

Finish Line-

PLEASE SLOW DOWN WHILE APPROACHING THE FINISH LINE

Please stay and enjoy the post event festivities. Kiobassa will be on hand at the BBQ pit making sausage wraps for all riders, enjoy a Shiner Light Blonde or have a Red Bull. There will be a tag at the bottom of your ride number which will be collected for food and beer so have your number handy. Family and friends may purchase a

meal ticket for \$5 or pick something up from the food trucks. Or both-we won't judge!

You will also see vendors out there showcasing items you may wish to purchase. Take a look, visit and support these local businesses.

*****Additional meal tickets can be purchased for \$5 for family and friends at the event(cash only)*****

Our 2018 Partners make it happen! Please show your support as a thank you for their generous support local community events!

- Kiobassa
- Shiner Blonde Light
- RedBull
- Skratch Labs
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- The Crossvine
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- San Antonio Trial Lawyers Association
- Broadway Bank
- K2 CryoSpa
- Andeavor Bridge
- Max & Louie's Diner
- REACT
- Churchill ROTC
- USA Cycling
- Frost Bank
- Action Bikes
- Britton Bikes
- Ride Away Bikes
- Rolling Oaks Mall

Thank you for supporting the 13th Anniversary of the Fiesta Wildflower Ride! We are so proud to partner with

Morgan's Wonderland and be part of San Antonio's famous Fiesta!

Please use the hash tag **#fiestawildflowerride** on all your social media!

Look for early bird specials for 2019 registration opening Black Friday!