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**TAOS AREA HIGH SCHOOL  
MOUNTAIN BIKE TEAM**



Dear Potential Sponsor,

**We invite you to support athletes participating in the 9<sup>th</sup> season of the Taos Area High School Mountain Bike Team, "Taos Composite."** Base right here in Taos and representing Northern New Mexico, we are a Colorado League sanctioned team competing in 5 races in Colorado.

**Why support us?** Taos Composite has much to offer our high school athletes: as a team we learn skills quickly, receive valuable coaching, and inspire each other to achieve. We set goals and work collaboratively to not only attain these goals, but to also develop a wide range of effective skills. Most importantly, this team is about setting high goals, improving skills, developing strong character and good judgment, and achieving personal bests. This is a cross-country mountain bike team, a specific form of cycling which is set apart from road riding, downhill racing, dual slalom, trials, BMX, cyclocross, and track racing. The goal of our coaches is to provide students that have the desire to mountain bike the direction and camaraderie that will help them achieve both competitive success and personal development in a safe and enjoyable environment.

In 2022, our 8<sup>th</sup> season, we have 22 athletes participate from 2 local high schools, in addition to 5 riders from outside of Taos. The Colorado League has over 1500 high school athletes racing. Our team is now racing in Division 2 and collected some significant results and awards last year. The successes of this team included personal growth, great improvement in strength and skills, and an incredible team spirit.

Taos Composite is small team competing on a very big stage. We are able to do this thanks to amazing sponsorship support, involved parents, and committed coaches and athletes. This year, we are hoping to secure enough sponsorship funds to, once again, cover all costs related to traveling to Colorado for events as well as to help defray the cost of equipment related to the team (bikes for athletes who do not have an appropriate bike, helmets, tools).

We also have a new middle school team made up of 15 athletes. These riders focus on building skills and fitness and have the option to compete in some New Mexico mountain bike events. New Mexico has recently formed the New Mexico Interscholastic Cycling League and will host the first ever junior State Championship races at the end of October this year!

**Race costs for the team are approximately \$1000 per event (including all associated expenses) as we travel and stay overnight for each race due to driving distance. We would be honored if you would consider being an event sponsor or co-sponsor! We feel it is important to make racing available to ALL our athletes, not just the ones who can afford it or who have involved, available parents.** We will provide you with extensive sponsor recognition at the events through signage and distribution of promotional materials (if available) as well as acknowledgements on social media.

Please contact us if you are interested in supporting this growing team in northern New Mexico. Thank you so much for your interest and enthusiasm.

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Visit our **website**: [www.fitaos.org](http://www.fitaos.org) (cycling programs)

## 2022 FITaos Junior Program Fall Schedule

### Colorado League 2022 Race Schedule (high school)

- Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> – Leadville, CO
- Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> – Eagle, CO
- Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> – Snowmass, CO
- Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> – Nathrop, CO
- Saturday/Sunday October 22-23 – Glenwood Springs, CO (State Championships)

### New Mexico Races (middle school; high school welcome when available):

- Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> - Oak Flats, NM
- ~~Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup> – Guac Amole, Taos, NM~~ Cancelled due to ongoing forest closure
- Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> – La Tierra, Santa Fe, NM
- Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Road Apple Rally, Farmington, NM
- Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> – NM NICA State Championship Race – Oak Flats

### Practice and Special Event Schedule:

- **First Team Practice! Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> – Taos in the House Team Day!** Skills Clinic with Syd and Macky, Rides, Lunch, Team Meeting
- **Practices: 4pm on Tuesdays** (middle school and high school) **and Thursdays** (high school only on Thursdays) **and 9am on Sundays** (middle school and high school when coaches are not at races)
- **October 16<sup>th</sup> Ride the Rift** 6-hour event and FUNDRAISER for the teams (Rift Valley trails, Taos) – **permit pending**
- Other special events and clinics TBA