



Dear Potential 2023 Season Sponsor,

We invite you to support athletes participating in the 9th season of the Taos Area High School Mountain Bike Team, "Taos Composite" and the 3rd year of the middle school team. Base right here in Taos and representing Northern New Mexico, the high school team is a Colorado League sanctioned team (www.coloradomtb.org) competing in 5 races in Colorado and the middle school team is a New Mexico NICA sanctioned team (www.newmexicomtb.org) competing in 4 races in New Mexico.

Why support us? Taos Composite has much to offer our high school and middle 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 other cycling disciplines. 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, we had 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 high school 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. Our middle school team had 15 athletes last season and competed in the inaugural NM Junior State Mountain Bike Championship.

Taos Composite is growing team competing on a very big stage in Colorado and helping lead the way in New Mexico. 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).

Race costs for the high school 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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Find us on **Facebook**: Taos Composite High School Mountain Bike Team and **Instagram**: @taos_composite
Visit our **website**: www.fitaos.org (cycling programs)

TAOS HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM SCHEDULE 2023

This schedule will be updated as needed.

Colorado League South Conference Piedra Division 2023 Race Schedule (HIGH SCHOOL ONLY)

- **Sunday August 27th – Leadville, CO** (Pre-ride Saturday, Race Sunday)
- **Saturday September 9th – Glenwood Springs, CO** (Pre-ride Friday, Race Saturday)
- **Sunday September 24th – Eagle, CO** (Pre-ride Saturday, Race Sunday)
- **Saturday October 9th – Nathrop, CO** (Pre-ride Friday, Race Saturday)
- **Saturday/Sunday October 21-22 – Glenwood Springs, CO (State Champs, riders must qualify)**

New Mexico NMICL Races (middle school race options):

- **September 2nd-3rd - Gallup, NM** (Pre-ride Saturday, Race Sunday)
- **Sept 30th-October 1st – Pajarito, Los Alamos, NM** (Pre-ride Saturday, Race Sunday)
- **October 14th – 15th – Oak Flats, Tijeras, NM** (Pre-ride Saturday, Race Sunday)
- **October 28th - 29th – Socorro, NM** (Pre-ride Saturday, Race Sunday)

Practice and Special Event Schedule:

- **Sunday August 13 – Taos in the House Team Day!** Skills Clinic with Syd and Macky, Rides, Lunch, Team Meeting - All 2023 team riders (middle school and high school) are encouraged to attend! Parents are invited to lunch and team meeting. Location: Amole Shelter
- **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)
- **First team practice is on Sunday August 10**
- **October TBA Ride the Rift** 6-hour event and FUNDRAISER for the teams (Rift Valley trails, Taos) – **permit pending**
- Other special events and clinics TBA