



Dear Potential 2026 Season Team Sponsor,

We invite you to support athletes participating in the 12th season of the Taos Area High School Mountain Bike Team, “Taos Composite” and the 6th year of the middle school team. Based right here in Taos and representing Northern New Mexico, the high school team is a Colorado League sanctioned team (www.coloradomt.org) competing in 5 races in Colorado and the middle school team is a New Mexico NICA sanctioned team (www.newmexicomtb.org) competing in 5 races in New Mexico.

Why support us? Taos Composite has much to offer our high school and middle school athletes. As part of a country mountain bike team, riders 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. The goal of our coaches is to support students that have the desire to mountain bike by offering the direction and camaraderie that will help them achieve both competitive success and personal development in a safe and enjoyable environment.

In 2025, our high school team had a balance of girls and boys from 3 local high schools and 3 schools outside of Taos. The Colorado League has over 1500 high school athletes racing. Our high school team raced in Division 3 and had great success with more individual and team podium finishes than ever, including securing 3rd place at Colorado High School State Championships. The successes of this team included personal growth, great improvement in strength and skills, and an incredible team spirit. Our middle school team had 16 athletes in 2025 and competed in the NMICL race series, with many podium appearances including at State Championships. Of special note, our middle school team was 50% girls, way above the League average!

Taos Composite’s high school team competes on a very big stage in Colorado and the middle school team is 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. Each year, we aim to secure enough sponsorship funds to cover all costs related to each athlete 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 we hope to cover with sponsorships: High school team \$1500 per event (including all associated expenses: food, transportation, camping, coaching) as we travel and stay overnight for each race due to driving distance. **Middle school team \$800 per race.** **We would be honored if you would consider being an event sponsor or co-sponsor! We feel it is critical to make race weekends available to ALL of our families, 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 with questions and/or if you are interested in supporting this established and 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 (cycling programs)

TAOS HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM – FALL SCHEDULE 2026*

Colorado League South Conference Piedra Division 2026 Race Schedule (HIGH SCHOOL ONLY)

- **Saturday August 29th – Leadville, CO**
- **Sunday September 13th – Eagle, CO**
- **Saturday September 26st – Glenwood Springs, CO**
- **Sunday October 10th – Nathrop, CO** Conference Championships
- **Saturday - Sunday October 24-25 – Location TBA, CO** State Championships (riders must qualify)

New Mexico NMICL 2026 Race Schedule (middle school races):

- **August 22-23 – Glorieta, NM**
- **September 5-6 – Gallup, NM**
- **September 19-20 – TBA, NM**
- **October 10-11 – Pajarito, Los Alamos, NM**
- **October 24-25 – Socorro, NM**

Practice and Special Event Schedule:

- **Sunday August 2 – Taos in the House Team Day!** Skills and rides, lunch, team meeting
- **Practices: 4:15pm on Tuesdays** (middle school and high school) **and Thursdays** (high school only on Thursdays) **and 10am on Sundays** (middle school and high school when coaches are not at races)
- **Regular team practices begin on Sunday August 9th**
- **Sunday October 18 – Ride the Rift** A FREE 6-hour community event and FUNDRAISER for the teams (Taos Valley Overlook Trails) www.ridetherifttaos.com
- Other special events and clinics TBA

*Schedule as of 3/1/26 (to be updated as things change)