

Hayfield Hustle

Gallup, NM

SEPTEMBER 7, 2024 (SAT)



What to Know Before You Go!

THEME THIS NICA SEASON: THE 80's!

- This event weekend is Friday-Saturday, the race is on SATURDAY.
- We are guests on Private Property with neighbors nearby. Let's show this community that we are good neighbors and outdoor stewards, this includes respecting quiet hours, staying on designated trails/roads, not crossing fences, etc.
- Dogs must be on leash at all times. For the safety of our students and attendees, other dogs, and the FARM ANIMALS that live there.
- Bring your own WATER & shade. This venue does not have shade, water, electricity, or cell service.
- Most importantly, we are a community! Together we encourage and support every participant and create a great experience for everyone.
- Positive Attitude & Sportsmanship is expected of every attendee: students, parents, coaches, spectators. ([NICA Code of Conduct.](#))
- There is NO CELL service in the area, the closest coverage is roughly 30 minutes away.
- Refer to the map to know where you can park, camp, set up Pits, etc.
- \$20 replacement fee for lost race plates. Bring your plates.
- Only current racers are allowed on any portion of the course during the race.
- HELMETS are required any time you are on a bike (that includes parents, and friends)
- Be Bear Aware. This is bear country, please be responsible with your food and garbage.
- [Guide to Attending a NICA Event Weekend](#)

REGISTRATION: If you are racing, you must finalize registration the **TUESDAY** before the Race. Registration is through your personal PitZone account. If you're not racing, we hope you'll come and enjoy the weekend of activities!

VOLUNTEERING: Our events are made possible thanks to our amazing volunteers. Come hang out with us & make sure the weekend runs smoothly! Sign up here to get your preferred spot

[Sign-up.com](https://sign-up.com).

CAMPING:

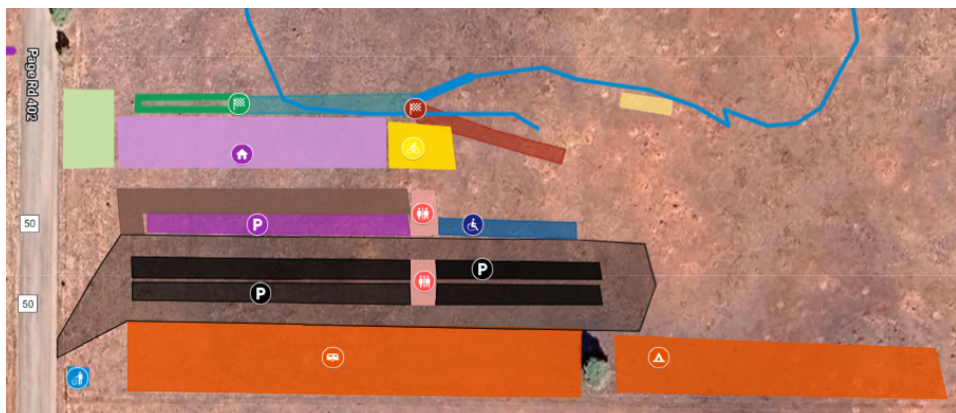
SWIF is graciously allowing us to use their farm Friday afternoon through Saturday afternoon.

FRIDAY NIGHT we have camping in the designated area on the Southwest Indian Foundation Farm (SWIF), see map. Tents and RVs are allowed, this is primitive camping with no hookups. There is no water, bring your own. No crossing fences for hiking or camping. If you would rather camp in the forest nearby, McGaffey Campground is only 3.7 miles away, and the forest before McGaffey has open spaces for dispersed camping- if you choose this you'll need to make sure it's Forest Service and not private land.

SATURDAY NIGHT our friends at SWIF have asked that we only camp there Friday night, we'll roll out after awards and they'll lock the gates. The above suggested areas are great places to camp if you want to spend another night in the Zuni mountains.

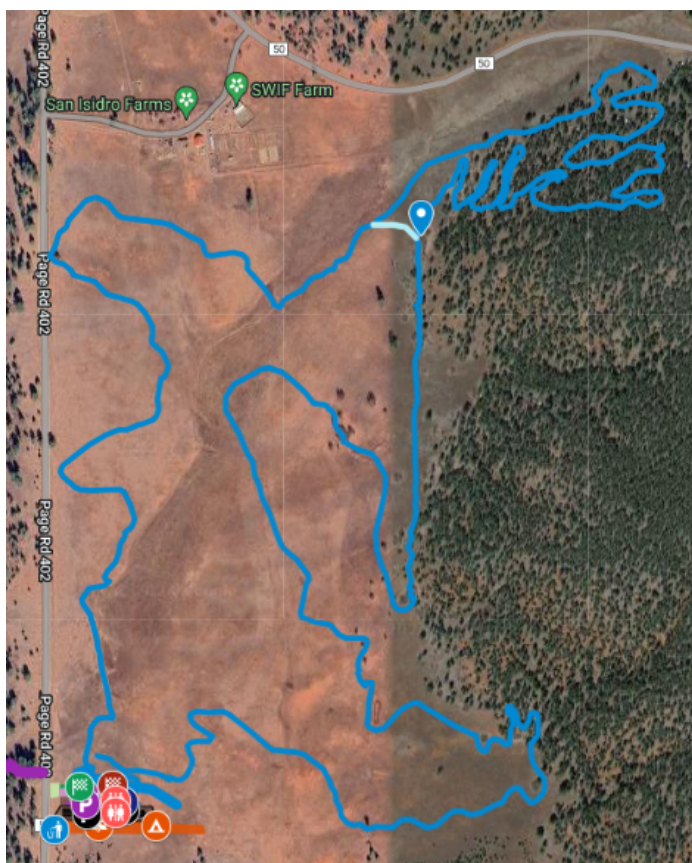
Race Description & Venue Map

SWIF and our NICA friends in Gallup have built this race course for us. This course is set on a farm at 8K feet elevation, with plenty of space to enjoy and spectate. The course is set to be fast and flowy with plenty of passing opportunities. The MS course is just over 3 miles long with an interesting rocky section and plenty of fast flowy trail. The HS course is roughly 5 miles long with an additional section of climbing and descending switchbacks.



[Hayfield Hustle Venue Map](#)

[Exact Google Map Pin](#) of the venue



[Hayfield Hustle Course Map](#) - KML layer in maps

Event Weekend Schedule

FRIDAY	
9:00 AM	Volunteer Shifts Begin
1:00 PM	Team Pit Access Open. Adventure & GRiT Hangout Zones Open
1:00 PM	Reg Opens-Coach Plate Pickup (Head/designated coaches pick up plates for entire team)
1:00 PM	Pre-Ride Open to Coaches
2:00 PM	Pre-Ride Open to Teams (Students & coaches must have race plates affixed to their bike)
4:30 PM	Plate Pickup / Registration closes
4:30 PM	GRiT Ride & Event
6:00 PM	Pre-Ride Closed
6:00-7:00 PM	Community & Family Ride hosted by Silver Stallion
SATURDAY	
6:30 AM	Volunteer Shifts Begin
6:30 AM	Pre-Ride Opens
7:00 AM	Coach late Plate Pickup (registration)
8:00 AM	Pre-Ride Closes, Registration closes
8:00 AM	Fat Tire Cycles Neutral Support on-site for Student-Athletes

8:15 AM	MANDATORY Head Coach Meeting. 1 Coach must be present per team.
8:30 AM	Adventure & GRiT Hang Out Zones Open
8:45 AM	Staging - Wave 1 MS Boys
9:00 AM	Racing - Wave 1 MS Boys
9:45 AM	Staging - Wave 2 MS Girls
10:00 AM	Racing - Wave 2 MS Girls
10:45 AM	Staging - Wave 3 HS Girls
11:00 AM	Racing - Wave 3 HS Girls
12:15 PM	Staging - Wave 4 HS Boys
12:30 PM	Racing - Wave 4 HS Boys
2:15 PM	Racing Concludes. Break Down of Course, Pits, Infield, Adventure Zone
	AWARDS - following infield clean up

RACING Schedule

Staging will begin promptly at staging times, and will be randomly drawn for the first race of the season. **Any rider not present for their staging call-up will be staged at the end of their field.**

Our lap counts are based on appropriate "Max Duration" on Course for rider ability and safety. Race officials reserve the right to modify race durations as needed for reasons that may include: safety, heat, cold, rain, lightning, and mud. We will do our best to allow all riders to complete their lap counts, sometimes riders will need to be pulled (see handbook 6.10.G and 6.10.H) **Racers who do not make the time limit cut-off will still be scored and ranked.**

Course closures, evacuations may be announced at any time.

Riders who choose not to finish (Do Not Finish - DNF) need to be immediately reported to timing by their coach or parent.

Wave 1 : Middle School Boys

CATEGORY	START TIME	LAP COUNT	EARNED LAP CUT-OFF TIME	MAX DURATION	RACE PLATE Color & Number
8th Grade Boys	9:00 AM	2	9:25 AM	45 minutes	Red (1000s)
7th Grade Boys	9:02 AM	2	9:27 AM	45 minutes	Blue (3000s)
6th Grade Boys	9:04 AM	2	9:29 AM	45 minutes	Yellow (5000s)
MS 1 Lap Boys	9:06 AM	1	-	45 minutes	Teal (7000s)

Wave 2 : Middle School Girls

CATEGORY	START TIME	LAP COUNT	EARNED LAP CUT-OFF TIME	MAX DURATION	RACE PLATE Color & Number
8th Grade Girls	10:00 AM	2	10:25 AM	45 minutes	Red (2000s)

7th Grade Girls	10:02 AM	2	10:27 AM	45 minutes	Blue (4000s)
6th Grade Girls	10:04 AM	2	10:29 AM	45 minutes	Yellow (6000s)
MS 1 Lap Girls	10:06 AM	1	-	45 minutes	Teal (8000s)

Wave 3 : High School Girls

CATEGORY	START TIME	LAP COUNT	EARNED LAP CUT-OFF TIME	MAX DURATION	RACE PLATE Color & Number
Varsity Girls	11:00 AM	4	12:08 PM	90 minutes	Orange (1-49)
JV1 Girls	11:02 AM	3	11:52 AM	75 minutes	Dark Blue (100s)
JV2 Girls	11:04 AM	2	11:42 AM	75 minutes	Pink (300s)
9th Grade Girls	11:06 AM	2	11:44 AM	75 minutes	Green (500s)
HS 1 Lap Girls	11:08 AM	1	-	60 minutes	Purple (700s)

Wave 4 : High School Boys

CATEGORY	START TIME	LAP COUNT	EARNED LAP CUT-OFF TIME	MAX DURATION	RACE PLATE Color & Number
Varsity Boys	12:30 PM	4	1:38 PM	90 minutes	Orange (50-99)
JV1 Boys	12:32 PM	3	1:22 PM	75 minutes	Dark Blue (200s)
JV2 Boys	12:34 PM	2	1:12 PM	75 minutes	Pink (400s)
9th Grade Boys	12:36 PM	2	1:14 PM	75 minutes	Green (600s)
HS 1 Lap Boys	12:38 PM	1	-	60 minutes	Purple (800s)

General NICA Rules & Policies

Thank you for following our rules, it makes everyone's weekend more pleasant. Below is the Handbook with the full set of NICA Rules.

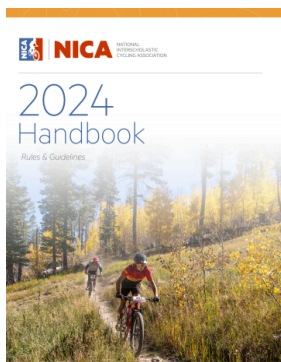
Team PitZone

-  No parking in the team PitZone area - 1 vehicle per team will be allowed to drive/drop in the team PitZone and park in a designated spot nearby if there is space available.
- No Fires, Smoking, Alcohol, BBQ's, Gas Generators or open flames in the team PitZones.
- Walk Bikes in the team PitZone area.
- No performance enhancing substances, including caffeine, for student-athletes.

General

-  **POSITIVE SPORTING ATTITUDE**  Fair play and respectful, kind, supportive behavior is expected of all students, coaches, and parents at all times.
-  **HELMETS** are required for every person participating in our event weekend, every time they are on their bike.
- Any athlete support of food or water during the race must happen in the designated FeedZone (athletes are allowed to eat/drink on the full course, but may only be given extra food/water in the designated FeedZone)
- 1 Adult per team allowed in the FeedZone (no students please).

- Where possible, please use dumpsters for garbage, rather than filling smaller garbage bins.
- Expect that you will need to bring all of your own water.
- Family appropriate language & behavior.
- Dog expectations - all dogs must be on leash and under control during the entire event - for the safety of all event participants (including riders!) as well as for the safety of the farm animals.
- Only racing athletes are allowed on the course during the race. To create a safe racing opportunity- no other biking is allowed on any portion of the course during the race including student-athletes, coaches, parents. There will be great places to spectate from.
- If there are any conflicts or disputes they should be handled between the head coach and the league staff (Chief Race Official) and should not be dealt with in the team PitZone area.
- Any violation of the above rules, and the rules found in the NICA Handbook may result in a team penalty and/or expulsion from the team PitZone and infield area.



[Handbook Link](#)

[New Mexico Category Placements & Exceptions](#)

Awards

Awards:

Top 5 Riders in each Category will be awarded medals.

Top Racer in each Category will be awarded Leaders Jerseys.

Awards are given for team spirit, costumes, team trail hours, sportsmanship, and first time racers.

State Championship: This is a 4 race series. This means that there will not be a stand alone state championship, rather there will be an overall series champion based on the total of series points accumulated (best 3 of 4 results). The lowest score is dropped, a missed race would count as the lowest score..

COSTS

	MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
League Registration (annual)	\$75	\$75
NICA Registration (annual)	\$50	\$50
Race Entry Fee (per race)	\$35	\$35

**Scholarships and financial assistance are available, for more information email director@newmexicomtb.org.*

**Everyone on course must have a race plate (student, coach, league staff) affixed to their bikes.*

Petitions for Category Placement

Those coaches petitioning for any exceptions to the category placement of their student-athlete must do so by the **Sunday before the race.**

- No race day petitions will be accepted
- All riders need to be registered in PitZone online.
 - Contact your Team Director or Head Coach to be invited
 - Independent riders contact director@newmexicomtb.org

Refund/Weather Policy

Below are the guidelines for how the league will conduct races in the event of challenging weather. Our primary considerations are the safety of riders, support staff and spectators, and potential damage to the venue and trails. Any decisions regarding canceling, postponing or altering race start times, lap lengths, number of laps, etc. will be made jointly by league staff and the land manager. Often this decision cannot be made until the morning of the race due to the unpredictable and rapidly changing nature of severe weather. The league will make every attempt to notify the racing population as soon as possible via email, social media and website updates. Please review our full weather policy at: <https://newmexicomtb.org/weather-and-refund-policy/>

Support & Food Service

[Fat Tire Cycles](#) will provide Neutral Support for all Student Athletes on race day from 8am-1pm.

This venue is about 30 minutes outside city limits with limited food options. Please plan to bring your food and water for the weekend.

Team PitZones

Your team PitZone number will remain the same throughout the entire season, your location in the Pits will be different each event weekend.

Team	Pit #		Team	Pit #
ABQ Academy	1		La Cueva	11
ABQ- Goathheads	2		Las Cruces	12
Aldo Leopold	3		Los Alamos	13
Amarillo	4		Rehoboth	14
Bosque School	5		Sandia Prep	15

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ABQ Academy	1		La Cueva	11
ABQ- Goatheads	2		Las Cruces	12
Dine Comp	6		Santa Fe Comp	16
East Mountain	7		Santa Fe Prep	17
Eldorado	8		Socorro Comp	18
Gallup Comp	9		Taos	19
Hozho Academy	10			

NICA Mission, Vision & Core Values

MISSION: WE BUILD STRONG MINDS, BODIES, CHARACTER, AND COMMUNITIES THROUGH CYCLING

VISION: EVERY YOUTH IS EMPOWERED TO BE PART OF A THRIVING AND ENGAGED CYCLING COMMUNITY

CORE VALUES: FUN, INCLUSIVITY, EQUITY, RESPECT & COMMUNITY



Learn more about NICA: nationalmtb.org

More Biking in Gallup

[Zuni Mountain Trail System](#)

[High Desert Trail](#)

NICA Safety Reporting and Insurance Coverage

Safety Reporting

Incident reports are mandatory whenever a student-athlete or coach is injured during a NICA activity. These incident reports are submitted by each Team's Designated Reporter or an independent rider's parent. For more information on Safety Reporting reporting please see our [brochure here](#).

Insurance Coverage

NICA Insurance coverage is for registered student-athletes and registered coaches injured while participating in the sanctioned events during the weekend..

For more information on NICA Insurance Coverage, please see our [FAQ here](#).

The **New Mexico Interscholastic Cycling League** is a Project League of the National Interscholastic Cycling Association, a 501(c)(3) non-profit youth development organization, guided by the core values of fun, inclusivity, equity, respect and community. The league promotes interscholastic mountain bike racing, provides training and education to new teams and coaches, and offers a comprehensive infrastructure to grow youth cycling in a professional, safe and engaging manner.

Contact Information

General League Questions: **Mary Grow**, director@newmexicomtb.org
Scholarship Questions: **Travis Moulton**, tech@newmexicomtb.org
Registration Specific Questions: **Deborah Kearney** deborah@newmexicomtb.org

Please note that most staff arrive onsite a few days before event weekend starts and may not have sufficient cell/data coverage to respond to calls/emails. Please plan accordingly.

Website: newmexicomtb.org
Instagram : @newmexicomtb