



Dear Potential 2024 Season Sponsor,

We invite you to support athletes participating in the 10th season of the Taos Area High School Mountain Bike Team, "Taos Composite" and the 4th 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.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 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 2023, we had 15 athletes participate from 2 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 2 and had great success. 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 in 2023 and competed in the inaugural NMICL race series, taking State Titles in 3 categories (6th grade girls, 8th grade girls, and 8th grade boys).

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. 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. Middle school race weekends need \$600 in sponsorship. 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 (cycling programs)

TAOS HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM SCHEDULE 2024

This schedule will be updated as needed.

Colorado League South Conference Piedra Division 2024 Race Schedule (HIGH SCHOOL ONLY)

- **Saturday August 24th – Leadville, CO** (Pre-ride Friday, Race Saturday)
- **Sunday September 8th – Eagle, CO** (Pre-ride Saturday, Race Sunday)
- **Saturday September 21st – Fountain Valley, CO** (Pre-ride Friday, Race Saturday)
- **Sunday October 6th – Nathrop, CO** (Pre-ride Saturday, Race Sunday) Conference Championships
- **Saturday and Sunday October 19-20 – Glenwood Springs, CO** (State Championships)

New Mexico NMICL 2024 Race Schedule (middle school race options):

- **September 6th - 7th – Gallup, NM** (Pre-ride Friday, Race Saturday)
- **September 21st - 22nd – Oak Flats, NM** (Pre-ride Saturday, Race Sunday)
- **October 13th - 14th – Pajarito, Los Alamos, NM** (Pre-ride Saturday, Race Sunday)
- **October 26th - 27th – Socorro, NM** (Pre-ride Saturday, Race Sunday)

Practice and Special Event Schedule:

- **Sunday August 4 – Taos in the House Team Day!** Skills Clinic with Syd and Macky, 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 11th**
- **Ride the Rift Sunday September 28;** A 6-hour event and FUNDRAISER for the teams (Taos Valley Overlook trails, Taos) www.ridetherifftaos.com – **BLM permit pending**
- Other special events and clinics TBA