



Dear Potential 2026 Season 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. Our 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 5 races in New Mexico.

Why support us? Taos Composite has created a community culture of support and fun, offering our high school and middle school athletes: learning skills as a team, valuable coaching, and inspiring each other to achieve. Most importantly, this team set goals, improves skills, develops strong character and good judgment, and achieves personal bests, all while riding bikes and traveling and competing in races. This is a cross-country mountain bike team, a specific form of cycling that is set apart from other cycling disciplines. The goal of our coaches is to provide those with 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. The impacts of the team extend way beyond just riding bikes and into life skills that are carried forward into adulthood as **we use the bike team as a tool to learn to balance three key components: community, hard work, and fun.**

In 2025, we had over 30 athletes participate. On our high school team, riders from 3 local high schools and 3 schools outside of Taos competed in the Colorado League with over 1500 high school athletes racing. Racing in the more competitive Division 2, the team had incredible success with more individual and team podium finishes than ever. The successes of this team included personal growth, great improvement in strength and skills, and an incredible team spirit. Our middle school team had 13 athletes in 2025 (50% girls!), competing in the NMICL race series, with many podium appearances including 2 girls who earned State Championship titles.

Taos Composite's high school team competes in Colorado and the middle school team in New Mexico. We are able to do this thanks to amazing sponsorship support, involved parents, and committed coaches and athletes. Each year, we secure enough sponsorship funds to cover all costs related to each athlete traveling to 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). Over half of our participants ride and race on Team loaner bikes, allowing access in an otherwise inaccessible space.

Race costs we need to cover with sponsorships for the high school team are \$1200 per event (including all associated expenses) as we travel and stay overnight for each race due to driving distance. **Middle school race weekends require \$700 in sponsorship per race. We would be honored if you would consider sponsoring (or co-sponsoring) one or both of the teams to attend a race! It is important to make racing available to ALL of 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. **We also have opportunities to sponsor our Ride the Rift event, a free 6-hour community mountain bike event for all ages and abilities (October 18).**

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

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TAOS HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM SCHEDULE 2026

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

- **Saturday August 29th** – Leadville, CO
- **Sunday September 13th** – Eagle, CO
- **Saturday September 26st** – Glenwood Springs, CO
- **Sunday October 10th** – Nathrop, CO Conference Championships
- **Saturday and Sunday October 24-25** – Glenwood Springs, CO State Championships

New Mexico NMICL 2026 Race Schedule (MIDDLE SCHOOL)

- **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 State Championships

Practice and Special Event Schedule:

- **Sunday August 2** – Taos in the House Team Day! Team Meeting, Lunch, Trail Work
- **Saturday August 8** - Brazos Burnout! MTB race hosted entirely by one of our high school team riders, Luke, and his family.
- **Practices: 4:15pm on Tuesdays** (middle school and high school) **and Thursdays** (high school only on Thursdays) **and 10am on Sundays**
- **Sunday October 18** – Ride the Rift 6-hour event and TEAM FUNDRAISER
- Other special events and clinics TBA