



### **Welcome Riders!**

Thank you for entering the 2017 Fiesta Wildflower Ride. Please read this document carefully. By following the instructions and recommendations included here you will have a safe and memorable experience. We're so happy you are spending your Sunday with us! Enjoy the day!

Approximately 200 volunteers are helping to ensure you have a great day. Many have been working for months contributing their valuable time and resources to make this event a success. Several police departments will be assisting riders with safe passage along the routes. Please be courteous to the volunteers and the police along the course. We ask that you partner with us to make sure our police officers providing traffic control and all the volunteers want to return next year!

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## **Packet pick up-**

### **Rolling Oaks Mall**

6909 N Loop 1604E

San Antonio TX 78247

**Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-7pm**

**Friday April 21<sup>st</sup> from 4pm-7pm**

**Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> from noon-7pm**

The above packet pick up times will be located inside the mall. Park near the main entrance on the lower level of the mall by **JCPenney**. We will be in the main court area.

**\* If you are picking up multiple packets please have all names legibly printed or typed for the volunteers to work from. You will be required to print and sign your name, provide your ID and we will keep the paper for our records\***

**EXPO will be held on Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> from noon to 5pm.**

Please show your support to our sponsors and the vendors that will be present. By coming to the expo you help it grow!

There will be an **additional packet pick up opportunity on Sunday before the ride from 6:30-8**. This will be located next to the starting chute.

We encourage you to pick up your packet at any of the other times listed above if at all possible. If you must pick up your packet Sunday please arrive early and bring your patience since it's sure to be crowded.

### **Helpful Hints:**

\* Arriving early to pick up your packet typically doesn't work since the volunteers will be setting up the area.

\* DO NOT pick up a packet for someone else unless you have made **prior arrangements** to do so.

\* Thursday is not the best day to pick up your packet. Volunteers are much smoother by Friday and nearly professionals by Saturday!

\*\*\*We are unable to exchange any tee shirt sizes at packet pick up. If you decide you need a different size check back with us when you RETURN from your ride on Sunday. If you registered too late to get a tee shirt in the size you wanted or at all please check back with us Sunday morning when you RETURN from your ride. We would be happy to accommodate you at that time if possible. We can't do exchanges before the ride on Sunday because there will still be riders picking up their packet right up until the start\*\*\*

## Pre Ride Prep-

It is important to prepare for your ride in advance.

\*Fill out emergency data on the back of your ride number. (Number goes on the back of your jersey and the small sticker goes on the front of your helmet)

\***Come to the event with two full water bottles**

\***You MUST wear a helmet. ←no exceptions.** Any rider seen without a helmet will be asked to surrender their ride number and asked to leave the course.

\*Make sure your bike is in good condition and is mechanically sound

\*Pump up your tires

\*Pack extra tubes and supplies to take care of minor mechanicals out on the course

\*Take energy gels and bars with you on the ride. The ride will have fully stocked rest stops but you don't want to be 5 miles from nowhere without nutrition if needed.

\*Wear sunscreen even if it's cloudy!

## Event Parking-

Anticipate the chaos! Please arrive early and allow time for traffic congestion. Please plan on arriving by 7am to give yourself time for those last minute needs: porta potties, pumping up tires, helmet/shoes etc. All 4 entrances to the mall will be open, feel free to use them and avoid waiting in long lines to enter the parking lot. The event is staged on the back side of the mall.

ROLLING OAKS MALL  
6909 N Loop 1604E  
San Antonio TX, 78247

## Start Line-

Opening remarks will begin at 7:30 and will include a colors presentation by the award winning ROTC drill team from Churchill HS, a Fiesta Royalty appearance, and a welcome from Morgan's Wonderland.

Line up according to the distance you plan to complete. You will see flags that designate your start area. Line up **BEHIND** the flag for your distance. We will do our best to give you enough space to line up in your appropriate section.

**100mile- Blue** Flag←departs at 8am

**100k- Red** Flag←departs at 8:05

**40mile- Green** Flag← departs at 8:10

**25mile-Black** Flag← departs at 8:15

**15mile-Yellow** Flag← departs at 8:20

## Route Details ← very important please read completely!!!

### Safety First:

\*Follow ALL traffic laws. Unless you are directed to by a uniformed police officer to pass through you are required to stop at all traffic lights and stop signs.

\***NEVER EVER** pass a rider on the right! If you are passing someone please call out “on your left” so they will know you are coming around. Don’t assume the rider in front can hear you behind them.

\* Please be mindful of your speed when going down Kreuger Canyon(100,60&40mi. routes). This is a very fast descent. SLOW DOWN and stay to the right of the road. You are responsible for controlling the speed of your bike. Do not endanger others with excessive speed.

\*If you see a stranded rider on the road and you can help, please do. We will have lots of newbies participating and seeing that kind of support from our more experienced riders will help grow our sport.

\*Never ride more than two abreast. If you are on a narrow road and see any traffic at all please ride single file.

\*If you are joining a group of riders out on the road make your presence known. Talk to the riders around you and don’t follow too closely... especially if you don’t have experience riding behind that person.

\*When pulling into a rest stop make it known to the riders around you that you are stopping. Pull completely off the road at the rest stops

### Stay on Track~

Link to ride maps:

<http://www.fiestawildflower.com/wf-route-info.htm>

We have provided 3 ways to help you stay on track. We suggest every rider utilize at least two so that one provides you with a back up!

1. **Printed map.** The printed map will show you an overview of your route and provide you with turn by turn directions as well as distances from one turn to the next.
2. **Signs** out on the course showing you which way to turn. The directional signs are placed 3ft from the edge of the road and far enough from the approaching turn to allow for time to slow down. These signs will all have the event logo. Don’t follow any signs that don’t have our logo...they aren’t for your event. Follow the arrows according to the distance you have chosen. Each route will be assigned a different color (See route color above under Start Line).
3. Downloadable **GPX file** for all you techies will be available soon. I’ll send a message when the link is up.

***Please note: While we make every effort to mark the course with signage we can't always get out to replace signage that has been stolen or knocked down. It is in your best interest to use your map.***

**Helpful Tips:**

\*Remember this is an open course. There may be other riders out for a Sunday spin. Don't assume that if you see riders turning that you should follow them, especially if you don't see a route sign and your map hasn't directed you to.

\*Remember there will be sections of your route with miles passing before you turn. This doesn't mean you are lost. If you are worried look at your map to check.

Remember...carry two forms of directions!

\*These routes would be considered hilly by most standards. If you haven't adequately trained please line up with a shorter distance. Nothing takes the fun out of a ride faster than it lasting too long!

***Details by distance ← Please read all details for your route below:***

**100 Mile Century Challenge:**

**Route revisions:**

Due to a few safety concerns the route has been slightly altered. Please review your map before the event. Changes are to the lower part of the course. Ride will no longer go down to New Berlin. Overall mileage comes in at 96.4.

**Time Limit Reminder:**

Riding 100 miles is always a challenge no matter how fit you are. Unless you have adequately trained for the distance we do not recommend you pick this route. Not only is it 100(96.4) miles but it also has many sections of hills. You will be required to depart the rest stop at SOLMS PARK by 12:15 which is at mile 48. If for any reason you miss the cut off relax and enjoy your time at Solms Park. Upon exiting you will be directed to follow the 60mi route back to the finish line. This is a mandatory time check and cut off. Please be courteous to police officers if you are directed to take the alternate route. You will need to average 12.5mph to include time at rest stops to make the cut off. The course will close at 4:30. If you are still on the course at 4:30 a SAG vehicle will happily assist you with transport to the finish chute.

Best of luck to all athletes taking on this challenging course! We are rooting for you!

**Route Alerts:**

Mile 42.7 turning right onto 1863-traffic is fast on this road. Stay to the right and ride single file.

Mile 43.7 going down Krueger Canyon. This is not your average downhill. It is extremely fast. EVERYONE SLOW DOWN. Remember not all on the course are experienced riders. Stay to the right and never cross the mid line. Course is open to traffic.

Mile 83 Use caution when approaching Engel/IH35. It is not a 4 way stop! Cross traffic does not have a stop sign.

**Rest Stops:**

Mile 16 at Fry Roofing Company  
Mile 30.8 at Keller Williams Realty  
Mile 48 at Solms Park  
Mile 62.3 on Pioneer Rd.  
Mile 74.7 at Cibolo City Hall  
Mile 87.5 at John Paul HS

We suggest stopping at **all** the rest stops listed above. All will be fully stocked. Should you need more water or a gel between stops SAG trucks will be able to provide this assistance.

**60 Mile (metric century)**

**Route alerts:**

Mile 42.6 turning right onto 1863-traffic is fast on this road. Stay to the right and ride single file.  
Mile 43.6 going down Krueger Canyon. This is not your average downhill. It is extremely fast. EVERYONE SLOW DOWN. Remember not all on the course are experienced riders. Stay to the right and never cross the mid line. Course is open to traffic.

**Rest Stops:**

Mile 16.5 at Fry Roofing Company  
Mile 30.8 at Keller Williams Realty  
Please note you have two rest stops to pick from after rest stop #2.  
Mile 47.4 at Solms Park \*if you want to stop here turn LEFT on FM482  
Mile 50.3 at John Paul HS \*if you want to skip Solms Park then turn RIGHT on FM482.  
Please note there is 16.6 miles between Keller Williams and Solms Park before deciding where to stop.  
You are of course welcome to stop at both if that floats your boat!

**40 Mile Route:**

**Route Revisions:**

Due to a few safety concerns the route has been slightly altered. Please review your map before the event. In addition please be aware that you may encounter some riders from another event while on Ron Road and Green Valley Rd. Mile 22-24.5. Please be mindful to follow your route map!

**Rest Stops:**

Mile 7.3 on FM3009  
Mile 19.4 at Solms Park  
Mile 32.4 at John Paul HS

We suggest stopping at all rest stops. Please take note of distances between stops.

### **Route Alerts:**

Mile 15 going down Krueger Canyon. This is not your average downhill. It is extremely fast. EVERYONE SLOW DOWN. Remember not all on the course are experienced riders. Stay to the right and never cross the mid line. Course is open to traffic.

Mile 25.4 Use caution when approaching Engel/IH35. It is not a 4 way stop! Cross traffic does not have a stop sign.

### **23 Mile Route**

This is probably my favorite route. Long enough to get a good workout but not so long that your butt hurts! Plus you are the first to arrive at Solms Park which is the largest rest stop. You will arrive at Solms Park at mile 11.8.

### **14 Mile Route**

Perfect ride for starting out! Enjoy an out and back with rolling hills. If you need a quick break you will find a rest stop located on 3009 which is your turnaround point.

## **Road Crew:**

**First Aid:** first aid kits will be located at each rest stop for minor issues. Bike Medics will also be on the courses assisting as needed. A medic tent will be set up at the finish line should you need assistance at the conclusion of your ride.

**Mechanical Issues:** you must be prepared to service your own bike while out on the course. If you need assistance beyond what you are able to do there will be SAG support along the course to transport you to the nearest rest stop. Rest stops will have mechanical assistance provided by local bike shops. Please be prepared to pay for tubes etc. that you may require to get back on the road.

**SAG Support:** If you should need assistance because you are too fatigued to complete your chosen course you will be picked up and transported to a central rest stop where you will be directed to rest while waiting for transportation back to Rolling Oaks Mall. Please be patient while waiting. We always do our best to make it happen in a timely manner.

## **Finish Line-**

**\*\*\*PLEASE SLOW DOWN WHILE APPROACHING THE FINISH LINE\*\*\***

Once you cross the finish line you will be greeted by the ROTC group from Churchill HS. Please stay and enjoy the post event festivities. Kielbassa will be on hand at the BBQ pit making sausage wraps for all riders and the good folks from Red Bull will be there to "give you wings". There will be a tag at the bottom of your ride number which will be collected.

You will also see vendors with additional food items for sale and a group of massage therapists. Please bring cash to purchase from these vendors.

**\*\*\*Additional meal tickets can be purchased for \$5 for family and friends at packet pick up\*\*\***

**Our 2017 Partners make it happen! Please show your support as a thank you for their generous support of local community events!**

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**Thank you for supporting the 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fiesta Wildflower Ride! We are so proud to partner with Morgan's Wonderland and be a part of San Antonio's famous Fiesta!**

Please use the hash tag **#fiestawildflower** on all your social media!

***Look for early bird specials for 2018 registration opening Black Friday!***