



State Championship



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ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION

The Utah High School Cycling League is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and was organized in 2011. We are an affiliate league of the [National Interscholastic Cycling Association](#).

We facilitate the development of interscholastic cycling teams/clubs for grades 7–12 and provide the education, training, licensing and insurance for coaches and volunteers.

We also provide a high-quality mountain bike racing experience, while emphasizing the value of each participant (no bench) and placing camaraderie, positive sporting behavior and the cultivation of health over competition.



VISION

Enable every Utah teen to strengthen body, mind and character through the lifelong sport of cycling

MISSION

Establish a fun, enduring, and relevant interscholastic mountain biking program to improve Utah's communities and the lives of Utah's teens

CORE PRINCIPLES

Fun, Inclusivity, Equity, Respect and Community

LIFE LONG FOCUS

It is all about lifelong health, not just today's win



WE ARE 98 TEAMS STRONG & STILL GROWING

- Alta HS
- American Fork HS
- American Fork JD
- Bingham HS
- Bingham JD
- Bonneville HS
- Bountiful HS
- Box Elder Comp
- Brighton HS
- Carbon Comp
- Cedar HS
- Cedar Valley HS
- Chain Lynx Comp
- Copper Hills HS
- Corner Canyon HS
- Cottonwood/Hillcrest Comp
- Creek Valley Comp
- Crimson Cliffs HS
- Davis HS
- Davis JD
- Desert Hills HS
- Dixie HS
- Draper Park HS
- East HS
- Enterprise HS
- Farmington HS
- Farmington JD
- Fremont HS
- Green Canyon HS
- Hurricane HS
- Herriman HS
- Highland HS
- Hurricane HS
- Iron County Comp
- Jordan HS
- Juan Diego HS
- Layton HS
- Lehi HS
- Lehi JD
- Logan HS
- Lone Peak HS
- Lone Peak JD
- Manti HS
- Maple Mountain HS
- McGillis JD
- Moab HS
- Moab JD
- Morgan HS
- Morgan JD
- Mountain Crest HS
- Mountain Ridge HS
- Mountain Ridge JD
- Mountain View HS
- Murray/Taylorville/
West Jordan Comp
- North Davis Comp
- North Summit HS
- Ogden HS
- Olympus HS
- Orem HS
- Orem JD
- Panguitch HS
- Park City HS
- Payson HS
- Pine View HS
- Pleasant Grove HS
- Pleasant Grove JD
- Provo Comp
- Provo JD
- Ridgeline HS
- Riverton HS
- Riverton JD
- Saint Joseph Catholic HS
- Salem HS
- Sevier Valley Comp
- Skyline HS
- Skyridge HS
- Skyridge JD
- Sky View HS
- Salt Lake City Comp
- Salt Lake Center for Science
Education
- Snow Canyon HS
- South Summit HS
- Spanish Fork HS
- Springville HS
- Timpanogos HS
- Timpview HS
- Tooele Valley Comp
- Vernal Velociraptors
- Viewmont HS
- Wasatch HS
- Weber HS
- Weber JD
- Weilenmann MS
- West Granite Comp
- West HS
- Westlake HS
- Woods Cross HS



WE IMPACT COMMUNITIES

We **fill a niche** for students whose needs were not met in traditional school sports and we get kids outside.

We **welcome and support diversity** in disability, ethnicity, gender, orientations and skill level.

We promote **health & fitness** in teens & their families, and improve focus and **academia** in our riders. NICA statistics show that **60% of fathers and 40% of mothers** start riding with their students.



TRAIL BUILDING

We promote trail-building efforts and environmental awareness in students. In 2019 alone, our students and volunteers did more than 10,000 hours of trail work with 4,000 of those hours documented by land managers in local communities. In 2019, we are started a trail steward program.

We create **economic benefit** to communities hosting races.

In 2016 Vernal developed a race course and hosted the Utah League, creating the greatest economic impact of any tourism event in 2016, and bringing more than \$250,000 to the county.

“According to the Uintah County Office of Travel and Tourism, back-to-back weekends of high school mountain bike races at Buckskin Hills Motorsports Complex in September had the greatest economic impact of any tourism event in 2016.

According to Travel and Tourism Director Lesha Coltharp, the event brought more than \$250,000 to the county over the weekends of Sept. 17-18 and Sept. 24-25.

Coltarp pointed out that the economic impact of the races extended far beyond lodging. Supermarkets, retail stores, gas stations and restaurants were also expected to benefit from the races, and some racers reported restaurants running out of food from the massive number of patrons.”



OUR RACE CREW

The Utah League Race Crew has ten years of proven high-quality race production. Trained by NICA prior to starting our races, our league and staff benefit from over a decade of successful youth mountain bike race production.

We have six regions and over 150 race crew members that volunteer their time to create a safe and fun environment for student-athletes and their families.



OUR EXPERIENCE

We have successfully fulfilled contracts, permitting requirements and procedures with BLM, SITLA, County Mass Gathering Permits, Trails Organizations, cities, private properties, and resorts. Our professionalism and follow-through before, during and after events has enabled us to continue to race in places like Moab with strict regulations and requirements.

We have always fulfilled contractual obligations including **resort waivers**, which we have parents of participants sign electronically prior to race event. (In 2022, Snowbasin, Powder Mountain, and Soldier Hollow required waivers.)

Locations we have held races:

- Bar M Trails in Moab
- Green Valley in St. George
- Snowbasin Resort
- Powder Mountain Resort
- Round Valley in Park City
- Corner Canyon in Draper
- Soldier Hollow Resort
- Eagle Mountain
- Buckskin Ranch in Vernal
- Three Peaks Recreation in Cedar City
- High Star Ranch
- Price
- Richfield
- Manti
- Beaver Mountain Resort



INSURANCE

The Utah League, it's teams, coaches, students and events are insured through Acord Insurance Company



General Liability for Clubs

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence

\$5,000,000 Aggregate/Club

\$1,000,000 Each Claim – Sexual Abuse and Molestation

\$1,000,000 Aggregate Limit

Accidental Medical

\$25,000 Each Person – Excess Accident Medical

Deductible: None

Accidental Death: \$10,000

Volunteer Coverage: Yes

Events

\$2,000,000 Each Occurrence

\$4,000,000 Aggregate per Event

No annual aggregate

Accident Medical:

\$25,000 Each Person – Excess Accident Medical

Deductible: None

Accidental Death: \$10,000

DOUBLE ROI

DO WELL AS A BUSINESS

Financially benefit from per-student venue fees and food and beverage sales

Host event during “off season”

Connect, communicate, build awareness and cultivate brand loyalty with an ever-increasing group of league participants and supporters

WHILE DOING GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY

Provide a lasting impact upon Utah’s students & families





OUR MASTER PLAN

Powder Mountain

Powder Mountain August 19, 2023 with a Backup of August 26, 2023

- SCHEDULE
- PARTICIPANTS
- PRIOR TO EVENT
- RACE COURSE
- COURSE MARKINGS
- INFIELD SET UP
- PARKING
- RISK MANAGEMENT
- FIRST AID & HYDRATION
- SANITATION & SERVICES
- EMERGENCY PLANNING
- VOLUNTEERS



WEEKEND RACE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY PM ARRIVAL

Core race crew will bring equipment trailer, race crew headquarters camper and, if time or venue allows, may start marking infield.

FRIDAY SET UP DAY

7:00AM Core Race Staff Arrives

9:00AM Volunteers arrive for first shift

12:00PM Lunch break

1:00PM Volunteers arrive for second shift

3:00PM Course opens for pre-riding

3:00PM Pit Zone opens for team set-up

6:45PM Pre-ride closes



SATURDAY RACE DAY (schedule may be subject to change)

pending registered racers)

5:45AM Parking/Operations & Race Director Arrive (quick meeting)

6:00AM Parking is in position

6:30AM Race Crew arrives (team meeting)

6:30AM Pit Zone Opens for ALL

7:30AM Registration Opens

7:45AM Pit Zone Closes for ALL

7:55AM National Anthem

8:00AM Staging Opens

8:15AM Wave 1 Junior Devos

9:10AM Wave 2 Junior Devos

10:05AM Wave 3 High School

11:55AM Wave 4 High School

12:15PM Junior Devo Podiums

1:15PM Wave 5 High School

2:45PM Wave 6 High School

4:05PM Wave 7 High School

5:30PM Pit Zone opens after last racer crosses finish line

5:30PM Races wrap up & clean up begins

6:30PM High School & Team Podiums

9:00PM Clean up complete

SUNDAY (IF NEEDED)

On the rare occasion that we have a long distance to drive, we may stay overnight and leave in the morning if venue allows for it.

PARTICIPANTS & SPECTATORS

Regional Races expect 1,000-1,200 student athletes participating for high school and junior devo races. High School only see ~800. We expect approximately 2,700-3,000 spectators.



PRIOR TO EVENT

Course scouting:

- All courses are scouted and GPS mapped to ensure they meet our minimum standards and don't contain any technical features that are beyond the capabilities of high school racers. At this time, we also double ensure that the measurements for the infield and parking meet our specifications and that the areas used are still in good condition and do not need extra grading.

Advertising:

- Races are posted on the home page of our webpage, www.utahmtb.org. Specific details are listed under Events/Races and include a race flyer and map of venue.
- Coaches are also notified through Coaches Emails.
- Races will also be posted in Utah League's Single Track Times. These newsletters are emailed to all participants, parents, sponsors, cycling clubs, volunteers, and any others who have signed up to receive our Single Track Times.

Approximately 1 week prior to the event we will mark the course for pre-ride:

- Pre riding will take place with coaches. This is done at a slow pace and gives the racers a chance to understand where the course goes and where the difficult sections are so that their anxiety level is lowered during the race and they are not seeing the course for the first time at "race pace." This assists the riders in adhering to our policy of always riding in control.
- We can post notices on trail heads if requested by land manager about upcoming events.

RACE COURSE

Safety Features:

- The race course, as marked on the map, utilizes a combination of road, double and single track.
- The League uses a combination of course tape and yellow directional signs on short stakes to visibly mark the course for racers and spectators.
- The League is very liberal in its marking procedures, giving racers a high amount of warning of the features (turns, closed trails, and downhills) ahead.
- 10-12 fixed course marshals are stationed around the course in key areas to help facilitate the safe progression of racers and assist in monitoring the safety of spectators.
- We also have roving course marshals and medics on bikes to access injured racers quickly if needed.
- The race course is 6 miles with 548 ft elevation gain
- 10-12 course marshal points
- Green line is staging/start line
- Purple line is (optional A line)
- Red Line is finish line



COURSE MARKING & SIGNS

- 600 feet snow fencing at start/finish
- Course Marking signs include arrow, danger, and wrong way signs mounted on 18" wooden stakes hammered in at an angle for easy break-away to prevent injury upon collision.
- Flags/Windjammers
- Course tape at staging



INFIELD

LIGHT PURPLE BOX: Pit Zone

PINK BOX: Overflow Pit Zone & Cooking Area

BLUE BOX: Feed Zone

YELLOW BOX: General Parking

GREEN BOX: Handicap Parking & Head Coach hang tag parking

RESTROOMS: near staging/ finish, warmup area, parking lots, and pit zone. Will include hand wash station(s).

WATER STATION: near registration and Pit Zone.

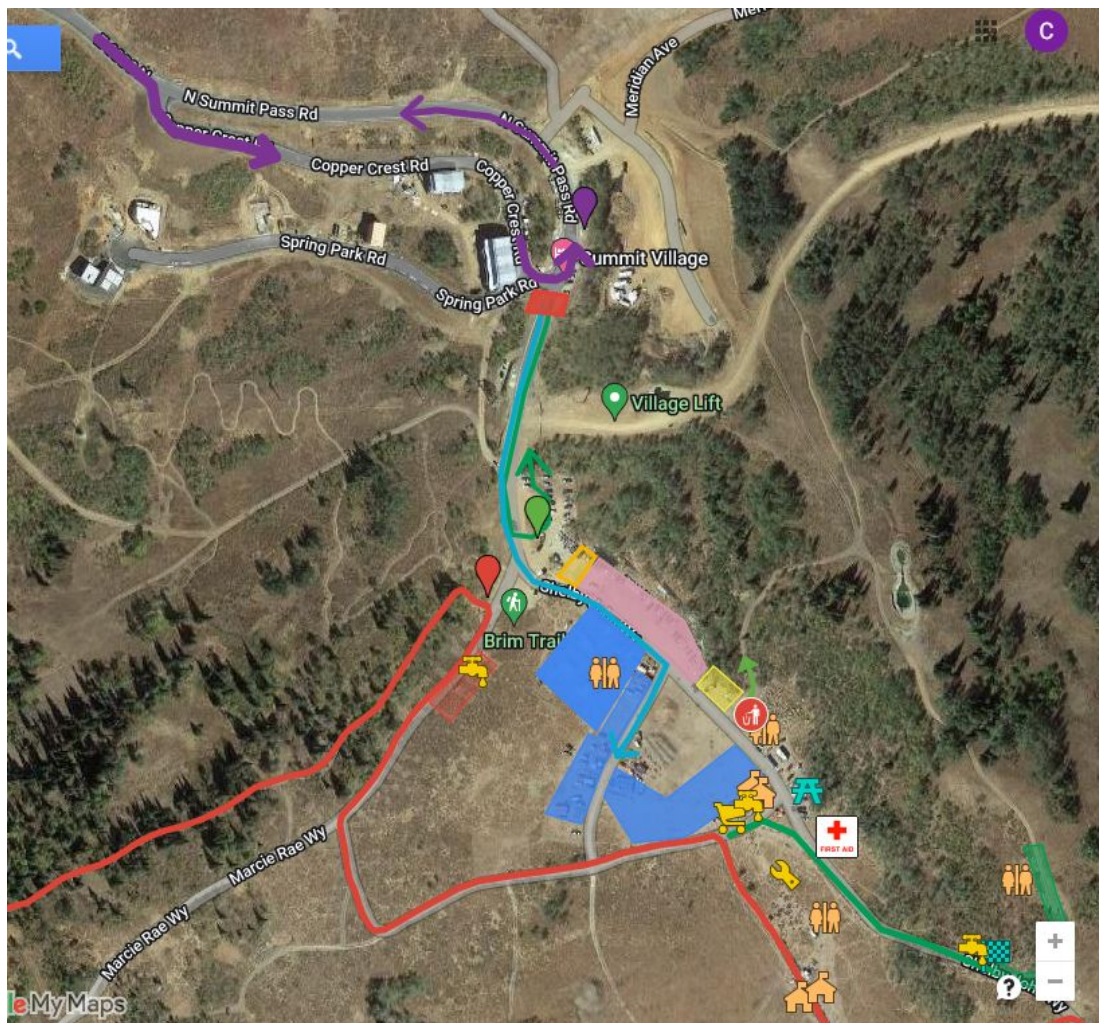
Water is also available at medical (if needed)

RED PLUS: First Aid & Course Marshal Area

WHITE CIRCLES: Equipment trailer near finish area

WRENCH: Neutral Support

[Google Map Link](#)



PARKING PLAN

We anticipate needing parking for 1500+ on the day of the race for racers and spectators.

Parking Lot(s):

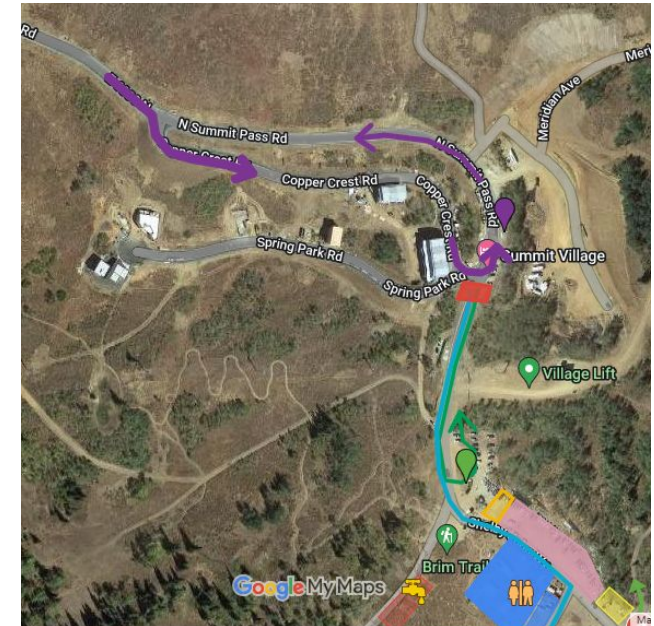
We have head coach, hangtag, staff, volunteer, handicap and general parking. The first 5 are generally closer and cars are easily identified with hang tags.

Pit Zone:

Team Pit Zones. The Pit Zone is a tent city. Each team has a hub for racers to check in and get race ready. There are generally tables, chairs, snacks or meals for pre & post riding.

Parking Attendants:

We have a parking management team that manages approx 16 parking attendants who are directing traffic and parking cars to avoid confusion and/or incidents.



RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Utah High School Cycling League takes the safety of its racers and spectators seriously. We have a comprehensive risk management policy that begins with our coaching program and continues through all training and competitive events. All participants, coaches and volunteers must sign waivers. We follow mandatory injury reporting regulations.

Part of our comprehensive coaching program includes a 16-hour Wilderness First Aid for Mountain Bikers course that all head and assistant coaches are required to complete to obtain full licensure. All head coaches, assistant coaches, and rider leaders are required to obtain CPR certification and successfully clear a background check to obtain full licensure.

Risk management policies also dictate the selection of a course appropriate to the skill level of young student-athletes new to the sport. Additionally, they dictate the course set up, including course markings and infield set up.

Enforcement of rules and code of conduct including wearing of helmets that meet industry safety approval. For a review of the Utah League's rulebook please visit:

www.utahmtb.org/rulebook

NICA/League Risk Management Procedures:

We have experienced Chief Course Marshals who, with the help of assistants, oversee rider safety at races. 10-12 stationary course marshal points are set up on the race course at specific areas to enhance rider safety (for example: intersections, technical sections, sections riders need to slow their speed, etc.). All course marshals have medical radios, first aid kits, food, hydration, splints, pen and paper, etc. Chief Course Marshals oversee all volunteer marshals and work directly with EMTs in dealing with injuries and evacuations.

- 10-12 course marshals on course with Motorola medical radios
- 4 Roving Marshals
- Sweep marshals behind every category
- Chip timing system with extra mat at start line to ensure accounting of all racers
- Aggressive course markings to keep students on the track
- Emergency Vehicle Access to race course is designated on the map
- Comprehensive Fire Prevention & Protection Plan
- Active Shooter Protocol



FIRST AID, HYDRATION, SANITATION & SERVICES

First Aid:

Our risk management policies require us to have 4-6 EMTs on site (dependent upon number of racers). We utilize local EMTs who are familiar with the area and have knowledge of the best practices for evacuation and procedures.

In addition to the EMTs, we also have:

- 2 first responders (on bikes) to assist with minor injuries on course or in the medical tent.
- Medical coordinator to facilitate communication between EMTs and Course Marshals.
- Bright red tent with white cross on it and wind jammers for easy recognition of first aid tent.
- Private vehicle, trailer or pop up with side walls meeting privacy regulations for severe injuries.

Hydration:

- Hydration Station: 4 10-gallon water coolers, marked with sign saying “FREE WATER”
- Feed Zone: 6 5-gallon water coolers are placed on course for participants
- 4 10-gallon water coolers in different locations throughout infield area

Sanitation:

Waste and Water Logistics, LLC (or local sanitation service) that we contract with will deliver the following on Friday morning (set up date at venue):

- 30-35 standard units
- 3 ADA units
- 12 portable sinks
- 1 4-yard garbage dumpster

We have several 55-gallon trash containers throughout the infield that are monitored by our operations crew.

Services:

- We hope to have at least one or two food vendor onsite unless not allowed by venue.
- League merchandise will be sold on site.
- Bike shops provide neutral support for student-athletes.



Nearest Medical Facility to Venue:

Ogden Regional Medical Center
5475 S 500 East
Ogden, UT 84405

McKay-Dee Hospital
4401 Harrison Blvd, Ogden, UT 84403

EMERGENCY PLAN

Weather:

Over the years, we have dealt with a variety of weather issues and conditions, from extreme heat to race cancellation due to a lightning storm, rain or snow. We work closely with local authorities in determining the best course of action for student safety and trail preservation. One example occurred in 2016 at Powder Mountain Resort. We began racing with sunny conditions, but later in the afternoon a thunderstorm moved in fast and within 15 minutes it began hailing. The League Director, Chief Course Marshal, Operations Manager and Powder Mountain's manager quickly determined the best course of action for the safety of the students was to stop the race and have students seek shelter. The Utah League staff jumped to action and all staff executed emergency protocols. The Chief Course Marshal immediately notified all course marshals to have the students stop and take cover and the race was stopped.

Evacuation Plan:

Our key staff works closely with the proper authorities to meet the needs of the emergency to move spectators and participants to a safe location. To be prepared for such an emergency, all marshals and EMTs have printed maps of the course and emergency access roads. Emergency evacuation of the entire group would require:

- Decision made by local authority, Race Director, League Director, Chief Course Marshal and Operations Manager.
- Operations Manager to oversee & organize staff for evacuation
- Staff would then oversee evacuation of their respective governance
- Chief Course Marshal ordering course marshals to clear the course and direct all student-athletes to finish race
- Chief Course Setter – Clearing course
- Staging Manager – clear staging
- Announcer – give details on situation and evacuation routes
- Chief of Timing remove timing system, if possible
- Operations Manager to use his assistants and other staff to direct traffic out of parking lot

EMERGENCY QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

| Color Code | Steps One & Two | Step Three |
|------------|---|--|
| Green | <p>GREEN – NO Emergencies. Continue with the event as planned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather is anticipated to be good • EMS is onsite and in position • All volunteers are in position • ie. Everything is perfect to start a new wave | Initiate communication and action based on level of emergency code |
| Yellow | <p>Continue with the event as planned. Race Director/Ops Manager/Chief Marshal in communication of yellow status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential inclement weather • Injury at venue that can be evacuated without disrupting race • Other situation that may eventually disrupt race such as a moose sighting several hundred yards from course or hikers demanding access to trails | <p>Announcements as usual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only Race Director/Ops Manager/Chief Course Marshal are at heightened awareness and communication |
| Orange | <p>Temporary pausing event and/or evacuate riders on course or need to find temporary shelter in car or building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary inclement weather • Injury on course where course needs to be closed • All onsite EMS is deployed and no additional EMS is available onsite | <p>Spectators informed of emergency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform core race staff and then spectators and public that race has been paused and what the plan is |
| Red | <p>Event is immediately cancelled. Evacuate course and infield to emergency evacuation area and/or everyone goes home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustained weather that will cause cancellation of event • Evacuate venue immediately • Fatality at an event (end event) • Evacuation of event is determined by League staff | See in-depth communication plan |
| Purple | <p>Local police, fire or other first responders are taking command and communication with NICA constituents directly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When evacuation of event is determined by First Responders | See in-depth communication plan above |

FIRE PREVENTION & PROTECTION

Fire Prevention

Vehicle/ Trailer Maintenance

- Vehicles/trailers are well maintained
- Grease wheel bearings and check them for heat
- Make certain that tow chains are not dragging
- Tires will be kept in good working order

Generators (if allowed on site)

- Make sure that generators are well maintained
- Placed on flat surface with a 10 ft. perimeter clear of vegetation and debris
- Never overfill with fuel and only fill with fuel when cool
- Keep fuel over 5 feet away from the generator
- Cables will not be frayed and will be in good condition
- Keep a fire extinguisher and a steel shovel nearby

Grills with on/off switches (if allowable by venue)

- Make sure grills are in good working condition
- Keep a fire extinguisher nearby
- Never leave unattended

Campfires (these are generally NEVER allowed at our venues but some campsites may offer)

- We do not allow campfires at our races/venues unless in designated, agency constructed campfire rings
- If campfires are allowed, please be sure to fully extinguish with water, dirt and be sure to feel with the back of your hand if the temperature is cool

Fire Emergency Protocols

Preparation for event

- The League will have an emergency evacuation/egress plan for each race venue. This includes identifying alternative routes before events. If needed, coordinate with land management and emergency response agencies for travel route status and specific hazard guidance.
- Designate evacuation/egress routes for race attendees. Pre-identify the most likely access/ingress for emergency responders to avoid competing with these routes during an emergency
- Do online research before events and work with local land managers to help determine alternative emergency routes in and out of the venue. Identify if there's a need for a site-inspections to identify and mitigate critical hazards
- Designate "Safe Zones or Staging Areas" for race attendees to gather and receive further guidance in the event of an emergency
- Provide maps with QR Codes to quickly identify best emergency situation routes
- Consider pre-event safety briefings to key members to identify hazards, key member positions, and implement prevention and emergency actions if needed
- Stage fire suppression equipment at high-risk locations and near power equipment (fire extinguisher, water, shovel).

VOLUNTEERS

It takes ~ 200 volunteers who contribute 3+ hours to provide the safety and management of our high school races. Volunteer positions are filled by parents, community members, coaches, and cycling enthusiasts. We manage the recruitment of volunteers on our website and with Signup.com. Please click “Get Involved” on our website to see descriptions of positions and training videos. We require teams to provide a certain number of volunteers at each race.

Volunteer Positions Include:

- Course Marshals
- Roving Course Marshals
- Sweep Marshals
- Start Line/ Staging Crew
- Finish Line Crew
- Feed Zone Assistants
- GRiT Volunteers
- Venue Set-Up
- Registration Volunteers
- Volunteers Assistants
- Race Announcer Assistants
- Parking Volunteers
- Post Event Venue and Course Clean up
- Pre and Post trail maintenance and Repair
- Course Setters
- Scoring Assistants
- Crossing Guards



THANK YOU
and we will see
you out on the
TRAILS!

