



I am going to keep things short today but did want to remind you of a few key details for tomorrow's ride:

- **Weather** – The forecast is cloudy and 47 at start time with a 40% chance of scattered showers in the morning and a nice sunny afternoon. The ride director for the ride will make the call if there is any reason to cancel the ride but, given all the planning that has been done and the food/drinks that were donated, and the fact that the fairgrounds has a large, covered pavilion with lots of tables, I suspect that the ride will not be canceled unless there is hard rain or lightning.
- **Traffic Update** – Houston Transtar does note several frontage road and connector ramp closures along Hwy 290 this weekend and, in particular, **they note that on Saturday from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, two of the westbound freeway lanes will be closed from Barker Cypress to Spring Cypress.** This means you either want to be past the Sam Houston Tollway by 6:45 am or take the Grand Parkway to Hwy 290 (or FM-359 to Hempstead from Brookshire). The ride does start an hour later but you don't want to arrive later than 7:30-7:45 or you will be delayed. Relax in your car after you arrive and/or enjoy the usually great breakfast they serve before the ride with your extra time instead of stressing in traffic.
- **The ride starts at the Waller County Fairgrounds-** 22000 Fairground Drive, Hempstead, 77445
- **Start time is 9:00 am**
 - Please arrive by 7:45 (7:30 if this is your first ride this year)
- Note that since this is a partner ride, **there will be two sign-in areas** - look for the Ready2Roll Cycling sign-in area.
 - Everyone enrolled, as of midnight last night, is on the printed sign-in list (except the email only enrollees).
 - If this is your first ride of the year, be sure to ask a sign-in volunteer to give you a helmet number. After writing the number (neatly!) on the sign-in list, place it on the front or left

side of your helmet.

- **This ride is open to the public** - You can bring friends who don't want to train for the series but want to do one ride.
- **Water Wizards do need to bring the coolers this week** but they don't need any water, just the coolers need to be brought so the next wave of Water Wizards can take them home after the ride.
- If you missed the Wednesday note with the ride details and directions, it is on our web site under the Communications link.
- **Please carpool** - It will make the drive easier and more fun and reduce traffic getting in/out of the fairgrounds.

Have a great ride tomorrow out in Hempstead - I'll see everyone next Saturday...

thanks!

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