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## Ride 1 Gets Going from Rhodes Stadium at 8:00 am this Saturday!

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Good morning riders!

It's Wednesday which means it's time for the details on Training Ride 1. We have a great ride lined up with a choice of three distances for beginners, returning veterans and year-round riders. This is ride #1 so we do have a time constraint but we'll cover all that a little further down in the ride notes.

Before I go any further, a brief word about the new header images you may have noticed yesterday and today. We gathered a lot of recent images from our training rides and gave them to our web development team for our new site and, as long as we had a bunch of great images on hand, I tweaked the settings in our email app so I can easily add an image that is appropriate to the note I'm sending, or just something colorful, sharp and/or fun! If you have a photo (or a few) that you feel captures the spirit and fun of our rides, please feel free to send us a fairly high res file and you may be a feature headline in the weeks to come...

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**Important Tip – Please Arrive on Time!**

Over the first two weeks, I have noticed several riders arriving quite late, in some cases, after our ride start time. Some of these riders are heading out after all our SAG vehicles are already on the road. This means they are missing out on two key pieces of our ride support:

- If they need mechanical assistance, none of the SAGs will know they need assistance
- Some turn signs will be gone as the very last SAG picks up the signs as they pass

I have mentioned the need to arrive on time before but, now that we'll have our full complement of riders, I need to emphasize that our SAGs need to get on the road with

the 99+% of our riders who depart on time.

**If you are late, please be aware that you will need to carefully study the early part of the route and may be riding without any signage or SAG support until you are able to catch the back of the pack.**

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### **2018 Ready2Roll Cycling Training Series - Week 1 - Katy/Brookshire Area, Jan 27, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm**

It's time for everyone to get started on their training so, for Ride 1, we have planned a nice, flat route with distance options for beginners (21 miles), returning veterans (40 miles) and year-round riders (59 miles). The ride map is already posted on our Communications page. Please note that the support team (on the back) may change slightly before it is finalized Thursday morning.

The 21-mile beginner route goes to the first rest stop, then comes back the way they came. We will start the 21 mile riders last so, If you plan to ride 21 miles, please wait until we call you to get into line to start. The 40 and 59-mile riders will depart together first.

The 40 and 59 mile routes continue south after the rest stop and ride a 19-mile clockwise loop on FM-2855, Morton Rd, FM-362 and FM-529 with a little triangular bump in the southwest corner to swing by Royal Jr High (for the third week in a row) because it's ideally situated for a rest stop. The 40-mile riders head back after completing the first loop and the 59-milers have the option to repeat the 19 mile loop - as long as you beat the 10:15 am cut-off.

The double loop design means that the two rest stops are both used 1-3 times depending on the route you are riding. RS 1 (10.5 mi) is also RS3 (29.4 mi) and RS5 (48.2 mi) and RS2 (20.0 mi) is also RS4 (38.8 mi).

**NOTE – Rhodes Stadium will lock up shortly after 1:00 pm so you do need to be back by 12:30 pm so you can be out of the parking lot by 1:00.**

In order to get everyone back to Rhodes Stadium in time to beat the lockup shortly after 1:00, all riders wanting to head south from Rest Stop for another loop must depart before 10:15 am. After 10:15, everyone leaving RS1/3 heads east back to the start.

#### **Directions to Rhodes Stadium (from in town)**

Take I-10 to the Katy Fort Bend exit (742) which is just past the Grand Parkway. Continue about a mile on the Frontage to Katy Fort Bend Rd. Turn RIGHT and drive about ½ mile. Just after passing Colonial Parkway on the right, you will see the entry to Rhodes Stadium on the left. **The entry will be unlocked for us at 6:00 am** and the lights will be on at that time so it's pretty easy to spot on the left as you approach.

The address for the stadium is: 1733 Katy Fort Bend Rd, Katy, TX 77493

There will be plenty of room for us on the east side of the stadium. The sign-in tables will be at the southeast entry (ahead on your left as you enter) and we'll be bringing in plenty of porta-lets will be just to the right off the main drive as you approach the stadium..

We'll be lining up to depart out the east gate (the same gate you use to enter) at 7:45 so you need to arrive by 6:45 to have time to park, sign in, etc. PLEASE arrive no later than 6:45 am this week.

**Don't forget that you do need to be back by 12:30 pm and the time cut-off to exit south from RS1/3 is 10:15 am.**

#### **Reminder – Arrive on Time!**

This is our first full training ride of the year and is our closest start (for 90+% of us) so it's

usually our largest ride of the season. This means more traffic and a delay entering the stadium lot. In other words, the later you arrive, the longer you will need to wait and the more likely it is that you will be behind the SAGs and some turn signs may have already been picked up. Just sayin'...

We're keeping today's note fairly short to focus on our first regular training ride. If you have any family/friends who have not enrolled yet, please remind them that the fee increases from \$180 to \$200 at noon this Friday!

Watch for a special topic note tomorrow about passing and being passed. We usually have a large crowd at this ride because it's closer to town so we will be focusing on learning how to pass and be passed safely and courteously. This will make a huge difference in your enjoyment of each ride.

Thanks!

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