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Ride 4 starts in Sealy at 8 am!

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This note is the second (and hopefully final) part of our mass email test. We sent a copy of this note to all Ready2Roll Cycling riders at 6:15 am today. This second copy is being sent to all of you very gradually, over a three hour period.

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That's it - this will help us understand what may be causing some of you to not receive the email when it goes out to all our riders at the same time.

OK, if you didn't get the ride details earlier, here they are...

Good morning! It's Wednesday which means it's time for the Ready2Roll Cycling weekly ride note. I know many of you are very busy so let's get right to the ride details…

...but first, the same old story - the weather...
...actually, when it comes to the weather, we have some VERY exciting news...

Breaking News!
Ready2Roll Cycling is excited to announce a partnership with KHOU 11 as the Exclusive Weather Partner of Ready2Roll Cycling. David Paul, chief meteorologist for KHOU 11, will be furnishing Ready2Roll Cycling specific weather forecasts for the weekly, fully-supported, Ready2Roll Cycling training rides.

The forecasts will be communicated to our riders, volunteers and other supporters via a

video link on such platforms as Facebook, Ready2RollCycling.com and as a link in our weekly emails.

Being better informed with the anticipated ride weather is another important element to improve safety, and the commitment from KHOU 11 and David Paul is so welcoming and appreciated.

The forecast for Saturday's ride can be viewed by clicking on the link below:
https://youtu.be/ucYzhdy2d7k

Ready2Roll Cycling 2019 Training Series - Ride 4 - Sealy, Sat, Feb 16, 8:00 am

This week, we will be heading out to Sealy to learn another sometime four letter word in cycling: "Hill(s)". We are heading west to Sealy to get used to riding on the rolling roads west of town. Our route will take us west of Sealy through Bernardo and the very pleasant and gently rolling roads between Bernardo and Cat Spring. The extra long riders will pass through New Ulm at the far end of their loop. The ride distances are 33, 45 or 56 miles with rest stops every 11-12 miles. The PDF map is already online, the Ride with GPS 56-mile route is posted and the shorter routes should be ready to roll (so to speak) by the end of the day today.

This is Ride 4 and we will be extending the time cut-offs so you can average 12.5 mph and finish the 55-mile route or 11 mph and complete the 45-mile route. The cut-offs will occur as follows:

- **10:00 am - Eagle Lake/FM-949 (Mile 16.6)** All riders arriving at this intersection after 10 am, will be sent on the 33-mile route
- **Noon - Cat Spring Rd/Sealy Rd (Rest Stop 3 @ Mile 33.9)** After noon, all riders will take Sealy Rd back to the start.

Directions to the start - Business & Professional Women's (B&PW) Park

The ride this week will be starting from the B&PW Park. The physical address is 1008 Main St, 77474 and the GPS coordinates are: 29.78033,-96.168276.

To get to the ride, take I-10 to the 2nd Sealy exit - Hwy 36. As you exit (slowly), you make a large u-turn to the right and make a left (north) turn at the light onto Hwy 36. Drive north to Main St (after 4th St) and make a left turn. Main bends to the right and the entry to the park is a short distance past the turn. **Note – please obey the speed limit in Sealy – it slows down to 30 mph when you enter town.**

NOTE - There will not be enough parking at B&PW Park so some of you will overflow to Sealy Junior High as we'll as park around Levine Park (which is on your left a block after you turn onto Main St) as well as on the streets in town. We have retained the Sealy Little League to help direct us to parking at B&PW Park - PLEASE arrive early and be patient. Please also don't block any driveways or mailboxes, if you park on the street. We will send more details about parking in the Friday update.

There are some restrooms at both parks and we will have supplemental porta-lets at B&PW Park.

Remember - Please DON'T block any driveways or mail boxes and please don't park in the business parking or the parking by the city & police offices north of Levine Park. If you arrive late, you will need to park offsite, come by B&PW park and sign in and then get started. In other words, if you are late, you will miss the group start so please arrive between 6:45 and 7:15 at the latest to allow time to park, get ready, sign in, and start with the group.

The climbs will be gentle this week but all routes will have a little bit of nicely rolling roads to help you get used to changing gears and climbing/descending.

Carpooling is VERY Important!

This week, our rides are moving further out of town in order to start adding hills to our training. This means that parking will be getting tight so carpooling is critical.

If you are not already in a carpool, we have a special online carpool forum on our web site. To find it, go to www.ready2rollcycling.com and click on the Classifieds link in the upper right, then click on Carpools. There are eight listings right now so you need to start looking or posting and getting into carpools or you will have a long traffic backup for too few parking spaces as we move into the small towns for hillier rides.

Note how each posting is titled with the part of town so you can quickly scan through the carpools to find one near you. Also note that some (actually many) carpools meet at a neutral public location where you can park and maybe even grab coffee/breakfast before heading to the ride and/or a bite after the ride. Businesses are usually happy to let you park there if you stop in and buy something before or after the ride. Just please don't park at their front door, find spots more remote that don't tie up good parking all day - and do ask the business before several of you start parking there.

If you don't see a carpool that works for you, you can register to create a userID and password which allows you to create (and update/delete) a carpool posting for your area. If you live in a pretty remote location, you may also need to look for a carpool on your way to the ride. It is not necessary to carpool all the way from your front door, you just need to carpool from somewhere along the way.

Here is avery timely carpool tip. This week, when you exit I-10 at Sealy (Hwy 36 exit), you loop around to the right, then make a left turn (at the McDonalds) to drive into town. If you make a right turn instead, and drive under I-10 (1/4 mile), you will see a pretty large carpool parking lot on the right created to help Sealy residents meet and carpool into Houston. This is an ideal spot to stop and meet other riders on Saturday morning to carpool the last two miles of the drive to the ride. This doesn't save you much gas and you miss the pleasure of visiting with a regular group of friends you make on a longer carpool ride but it does help reduce the parking demand at the start of the ride. Take a look at the Google aerial view of the Sealy exit - you can't miss the carpool parking lot on the south side of I-10 and this only adds about 10 minutes to your drive time.

PLEASE start carpooling this week, if you are not already.

NOTE – Help Support the Sealy Little League!

We are excited to have the Sealy Little League hosting a fundraiser at our ride this week. Proceeds from the fundraiser go directly to the Little League Park to help with field maintenance, batting cages and facility upkeep.

There will be breakfast items for sale prior to the ride including Coffee and Hot Chocolate. Post ride will include more drinks and hot dogs! Cutie Oranges! Soft drinks and Tea will also be available for purchase. Please bring cash for snacks!

Thank you for supporting the Sealy Little League!

OK, that's it for today. Watch your inbox on Friday for more parking details...

Thanks!
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