



28th WHITNEY CLASSIC 2009

Greetings from Summit Adventure!!!

Thanks for your 2009 Whitney Classic registration! This year marks the 28th year of this outstanding event, and we look forward to seeing you at the ride. This rider packet includes information about Summit Adventure for you to give to potential sponsors, ideas about fund raising, and a sample letter you may copy and mail to your sponsors. It also contains a cyclist gear check list; sag vehicle information; an elevation profile and route map of the ride; information on temperatures throughout the course; average times for arrival at sag stops; some general suggestions for training if you have never ridden an event of this type; and a list of accommodations.

Additionally there is a sponsor pledge sheet and information on how to find sponsors. Remember that each rider (solo or team member) **must raise a minimum of \$700 in sponsor pledges** to be turned in at the ride check-in. Many past riders have raised more than \$1,000 by starting to collect their pledges early. If you start now, you or your team should not have any trouble raising that much or more.

We are having cycling jerseys made for this year's Whitney Classic. These will be available for purchase, and one will be given to each rider who raises \$1,000 or more.

It would be great if you could bring a rider(s) with you. We hope to make this ride the biggest ever, so we would be happy to send you as many brochures as you can distribute. For every rider you bring, we will reduce the minimum you need to raise by \$100. And yes, if you bring seven riders you could potentially ride for free!

We are excited that you will be riding in the Whitney Classic and thus helping to support the ministry of Summit Adventure! If there is anything we can do to help you raise pledges, or if you just have questions we can answer, please do not hesitate to contact Summit Adventure at the number or email listed below.

Thanks again for your participation in the Whitney Classic!

The Summit Adventure Staff



Ride Options

The Whitney Classic—135 miles

This is a hardcore endurance event. The ride begins at 3:00 PM, Saturday at Badwater in Death Valley (-282 ft.), climbs two 5,000 ft. passes, and continues through the night ending at Mt. Whitney Portal (8365 ft). Riders encounter extreme heat (105-117 degrees in Death Valley), cold (possible 20's to low 30's on passes and at Whitney Portal), potential high winds and/or sandstorms, and three long climbs—17 miles, 12 miles, and 12 miles for a total elevation gain of 15,300 feet. Riding through the night adds extra challenge to this 135-mile event.

There are 11 rest-stop/checkpoints on the route; four of these are near stores or restaurants. Food, water, and ice for the riders are provided at each stop. Riders are required to provide their own SAG vehicle. Be prepared to handle your own minor repairs. (Bring a tool kit)

Two of Three—79 miles

Start with the Classic riders at 3PM and ride from Badwater to Furnace Creek (17.5 miles). From there proceed to Panamint Springs for a 7PM start, and ride another 62 miles to Mt. Whitney Portal (approx. 10,000 ft. elevation gain).

One of Three—67 miles

Start with the Classic riders at 3PM and ride from Badwater to Furnace Creek (17.5 miles). From there jump to Darwin Turnoff for a 7PM start, and ride the last 45 miles of the "Classic" route (approx. 5,000 ft. elevation gain).

The Whitney Sampler

Start with the Classic riders at 3PM and ride from Badwater to Furnace Creek (17.5 miles). From there, drive to the top of Towne Pass and then enjoy the ride down to Panamint Springs. Next hop in the car and drive to Darwin turnoff and then ride to Lone Pine. Finally drive to Check point 11 (Switchbacks) and finish the climb. Don't forget to check in at all the SAGs along the way so we can track your progress.

Teams

Teams of 2 to 6 riders may participate in this challenging ride. Teams may ride together or in a relay. Each rider must raise the minimum pledge of \$700.

P.S. Plan now to arrange a support vehicle and a driver for the ride. See the Support Vehicle Information sheet for details and note that this is required for each rider or team.