

Howdy!

I hope everyone is excited about the BP MS150. It's only 2 weeks away! I know that you all are wanting info and have questions, so I'm going to do my best to get it all in this email. If you do have questions after this, please email me!

### Things you should be doing now:

- **Packet pickup!**
  - We will not have a team packet pickup this year. Please be sure to pick up your packet (and turn in your signed waiver) at one of the following locations:
    - Monday, April 12                      11:00 - 7:00    Memorial Park
    - Wednesday, April 14                4:00 - 7:00    Austin - Hula Hut
    - Friday, April 16                      2:00 - 9:00    Houston Expo (Omni Westside)
  - You can download a waiver form at <http://bit.ly/avoyOB>
- **Bike Inspections**
  - Bike inspections at any of the official MS150 Bike Stores are FREE until April 9<sup>th</sup>. Beginning April 10<sup>th</sup> a bike inspection will cost \$15
  - Getting your bike inspected gets you FREE labor if you need mechanical support (you still have to buy the parts)
- **Check out the Safety Zone**
  - Go to The Safety Zone and check out the great tips and info
  - Take the Safety Quiz at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2010bpms150safetyquiz>
- **Check out the "Green" Goodie Bag**
  - This year they've posted coupons at <http://bit.ly/bjKjOU>
- **Book Transportation**
  - Ol' Army Cycling does not provide transportation back to Houston on Sunday
  - Many team members drive their vehicle to Austin on Friday and take the MS150 bus to Houston. This way - their car is waiting for them in Austin on Sunday when they finish.
  - Book your transportation at <http://bit.ly/d9pMOj>
  - Also, if you are staying at the Red Roof Inn, you can leave your car over the weekend in their parking lot. If you are just parking there for the team start - please try to carpool and park in the spaces toward the back. Space is on first-come-first-served basis.
- **Be organizing what you plan to bring**
  - A suggested packing list can be found at <http://bit.ly/9kBija>
  - Ol' Army Cycling will provide gear transport from Houston to La Grange and on to Austin. More details to follow.

## For BP MS150 Weekend:

- **Team Start**

- Red Roof Inn  
15701 Park Ten Place  
I-10 @ HWY 6, Exit 751  
Houston, TX 77084  
281-579-7200
- Roll out at **6:45AM**
- If you are meeting us at this location, and plan to leave your car over the weekend, please park in the spaces at the back of their lot (and try to carpool with other team members if possible)
- Map attached separately

- **Route to Merge with MS150**

- We will ride from Red Roof Inn and merge with the MS150 route at Clay Rd
- Map attached separately
- Link to Google Map <http://bit.ly/cVgsA8>

- **Team Tent (Saturday - La Grange)**

- New tent location this year
- Tent 705 at the back of the fairgrounds
- Map attached separately
- Will provide meal Saturday evening (served at 5PM) and Sunday morning (served EARLY!)
- **They are not wanting us to have bikes between the tents this year so please be sure to put your bike in the bike compound**
- If you want to eat before our team meal is served, please feel free to take advantage of the free food from the MS150 food area
- If we have anyone who would like to lead a yell practice, we'll have it just before our meal Saturday
- Yes, there will be beer. Yes, you must be 21 to have some.
- I'll try to have an alternative to BBQ, but due to budget being so tight, it might just be PB&J. If you have something else you'd like - bring it and I'll carry it with the gear for you (please do this only if absolutely necessary)
- **BRING YOUR CAMP CHAIR!**
  - It was either tables & chairs or jerseys. I opted for jerseys. This means that the only tables will be the ones to layout the food. If you want a chair, bring a folding camp/lawn chair.
- Please be sure your name is clearly marked on your belongings.
- I mentioned there would be beer - right?
- Gear will be delivered directly to the team tent
- **Lights Out/All Quiet 10PM - 5AM** (we fudge a bit on this one on Sunday morning)

- **Team Tent (Sunday AM)**
  - **Get up and get your gear loaded ASAP!!!**
    - The gear van MUST leave La Grange by 6AM or they are stuck until all riders leave (usually about 8am)
    - We have to be in Austin by 11AM or we will not be allowed in to unload
  - Breakfast will be breakfast tacos (eggs, sausage, cheese, salsa)
    - If you want something else, go get pancakes from the MS150 food area ☺
    - Again, we are limited in what we can offer this year due to strict (and lean) budget/funds
- **Team Tent (Sunday - Austin)**
  - Gear will be at team tent if you got it on the van on time, if not your gear will be with the MS150 luggage trucks
  - Map can be downloaded at <http://bit.ly/AustinMap>
  - Overview of Finish Line in Austin can be downloaded at <http://bit.ly/AustinFinishLine>
  - We will have beer and possibly burritos (if the money fairy arrives)

#### **General Information:**

- All maps can be downloaded from <http://bit.ly/MS150Maps>
- Take the Safety Quiz at <http://bit.ly/SafetyZone>
- Sign up for ride alerts (like ... oh ... say ... bad weather?) by sending text **RIDER** to **777111** (to opt out after the ride, text STOP 777111)
- **If you are starting at any other location other than the Red Roof Inn (with the team)**
  - If you want your gear transported with the team, you will need to have it to Jill by Friday night
  - The other option is to have it transported with the MS150 trucks to La Grange (be sure you say La Grange fairgrounds and NOT Camp Wal-Mart) and then send it with team gear to Austin
- **If you are staying overnight any where other than the team tent**
  - You are responsible for getting your gear on the MS150 trucks or make other arrangements
  - If you want it in the team gear van it must be loaded by 5:30AM
- If I have managed to miss something - please email me at [sarge@olarmcycling.com](mailto:sarge@olarmcycling.com)
- Put my cell number in your phone ... (call if it's urgent or last-minute, otherwise please email me)