

The 6th Annual Tour de Boerne ride is THIS SATURDAY!! and we look forward to seeing you there!

Below is important information for you about "ride day":

Getting there: The event will start and end at the Don Strange Ranch, 103 Welfare-Waring Road, Boerne. Follow I-10 W from Boerne, take exit 533 just north of Boerne towards Welfare. Follow the westbound frontage road 1 mile and bear right on Waring-Welfare Road. The ranch is 0.8 miles ahead. We will be using the first two entrances for parking.

<u>Packet Pickup:</u> For those who want to avoid Saturday's early morning rush, we will have early packet pickup this Friday (6/28) in Boerne at The Bevy Hotel (101 Herff Rd, Boerne, TX 78006). Participants "check in" will be open from 3-7:30 pm. Come pick up your packet, enjoy cash bar, enjoy fellowship with other riders and the Tour de Boerne event team!

If you choose to pick up your packet on Saturday, 6/29: Check in will open at 5:15 am..... After you are guided to a parking place, look for the check-in tables to the east near the buildings. Find your bib number on the large signboard then proceed to one of the "Check in" tables. There will be several lines according to bib numbers. We will give you your bib and cinch sack that will contain your T-shirt (if registered before June 15).

Ride preparation: All riders MUST WEAR A HELMET. You will be provided with a bib to be pinned to the front of your shirt. Also, please enter the following phone number in your phone... 210-328-2785. You can use this in the event you need SAG or non-emergency medical assistance – 210-328-2785.

All routes start & conclude from the third (North) gate entrance to the ranch as shown in the ranch map you receive. Please be lined up in the starting area by 6:45 for pre-ride announcements. Ride start times are:

- 7:00 am 63-mile Center Point (Blue route)
- 7:15 am 45-mile Comfort (Orange route)
- 7:30 am 28-mile Coffee Hollow Rollers (Red route)

On the Course: Attached is a Rider Information Pack that includes a course map and other critical course information. The routes will be well marked with directional signs. Just follow the arrows for the color of your route and enjoy the hill country scenery!! Aid stations are also marked on the map where you can get refreshments, drinks, ice and first aid. We will have SAG wagons along the course to assist. If you have a problem, call the assistance number (210-328-2785). If there is an emergency, call 911.

The numbers on the top right corner of the on course directional signs are NOT mileage indications. Each sign is uniquely numbered to help SAG and EMS locate you quickly in the event you need assistance. Please watch for the directional arrows AND the sign numbers. You will get additional instruction regarding route signs at the starting lineup area. Riders who have not finished their route by 1 pm will be picked up by SAG vehicles so that you can make it back in time to enjoy the lunch being provided.

After the ride: When you finish, come enjoy some social time:

- If you need first aid, there is a first aid station at the Start/Finish area and in the building near where you picked up your packets.
- Your bib has lunch and beer tickets attached. If you ordered a guest lunch, you can pick up that ticket at the merchandise table after you complete the ride. In accordance with TABC requirements, we will be checking IDs before serving beer.
- Food and drink are served in the main building. You can find it by moving towards the sound of the band. Tables are spread out inside the building and outside on the grass.
- If you ordered a Tour de Boerne Jersey, you can pick it up when you check in on Friday evening or Saturday morning.

<u>Heading home:</u> All participants need to leave the Don Strange Ranch property by 2:00 pm. If you are staying in the area, please come visit our wonderful town of Boerne. For those heading out on the road, please have a safe journey.

We look forward to seeing you this year at the Hill Country's premier cycling event, Tour de Boerne! Thanks for your support.... We could not achieve our charitable goals without you!!



Bicycle Rider Etiquette

- 1. **Follow Traffic Laws**: Bicyclists should obey all traffic signs, signals, and lane markings. This includes stopping at red lights and stop signs. DO NOT ride on opposite side of roadway. Do not ride more than two abreast.
- 2. **Use Hand Signals**: Always signal your intentions to turn or stop. This helps motorists and other cyclists understand your movements and react accordingly. If road hazards, notified by pointing and waving down toward hazard.
- 3. **Stay to the Right**: Ride as close to the right side of the road as is safe. Use bike lanes when available. If vehicle approaches from behind, call out "Car Back!" and stay to right in single file.
- 4. **Passing Riders**: When you need to pass other cyclists, voice that you are trying to pass them by saying "On Your Left" in a loud and clear friendly voice so that you can be heard in a respectful way OR use a bell to alert them of your presence.
- 5. **Be Predictable**: Ride in a straight line and avoid weaving in and out of traffic. Make your movements clear and predictable to others on the road.
- 6. **Be Visible**: Wear bright or reflective clothing and use lights on your bike at night or in low-visibility conditions. Make sure your bike has reflectors.
- 7. **Yield to Pedestrians**: Always yield the right of way to pedestrians in crosswalks. Slow down and give an audible signal when approaching pedestrians from behind.
- 8. **Avoid Distractions**: Do not use headphones or mobile devices while riding. Stay alert and focused on the road.
- 9. **Respect Other Cyclists**: Give fellow cyclists enough space when passing. Avoid drafting closely unless you are riding in a group that permits it.
- 10.**Be Courteous**: Respect the rights of other road users. Be patient and polite, even if others are not. A positive attitude helps promote a safer and more pleasant cycling environment for everyone.





Participant Entrances **Participant Parking** Rider Check In Port-a-Potties



Water Station Start/Finish Line Rider Line up



Medic Station



Lunch, Beer & Music



Bike Mechanic



To I-10 (1.5 Miles)



