

# The 24 RAC | Sunday - Saturday

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Day Zero | Saturday, April 6

## Luggage

- Drop off your luggage (but not your bikes) at the luggage van.
    - **7236 Caribou Court. SD 92129 between 3 - 5 pm on Saturday.**
    - Remember to bring only what you and your 5th grader can carry.
    - If we find your luggage to be unacceptable, we will reject it.
      - You have the chance to go home and repack.
    - Chase does not need to drop off anything on Saturday.
    - If you could loan us your stand-up bike pump for the week, please bring it.
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Day One | Sunday, April 7

## DRIVING TO THE RIVER

[Driving route PQ to Yuma](#) 171 miles

- Most of us stop at the *In' n' Out* in El Centro (mile 122, on 4th Street) for lunch and a bathroom stop.
- The RAC starting point on Algodones Rd has no address. It's this dirt lot.  
📍 32° 44' 2.7618" N 114° 43' 8.3723" W One of us will be there by 1:30 p.m.
- You want to get to the river by **2 pm** and
  - Unload your bike
  - Get ready
  - Put on sunscreen
  - Dip your front tire in the Colorado River
  - Take pictures
  - We do not provide water at the river.
    - Fill your bottles and CamelBaks at home.

- There are no restrooms
- Chase and Youth Support meet with Sabine, Kate, Joe, and Kumar at 2:30 pm at the Penske.

### **COLORADO RIVER TO GOLD ROCK RANCH**

**17.4 miles | 593 feet**

- We leave the river at 3 pm after a short announcement.
- Mile 2: Sandpit. Feel free to walk your bike.
  - Only stretch on the RAC where you don't need to single file. Yay,
  - Bring lots of water. There is no chase in the sand pit.
- Reach Gold Rock Ranch.

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Day Two | Monday, April 8

### **GOLD ROCK RANCH TO CATTLE CALL PARK**

**62.5 miles | 1157 feet**

- Leave Gold Rock Ranch.
- Ride to morning snack.
- "Do not pass" zone after snack. Follow volunteer instructions.
- At 11 am-ish, we will check out the solar eclipse.
- Ride to lunch at Glamis Beach Store.
- Ride to afternoon snack stop.
- Ride to Cattle Call Park in Brawley

Day Three | Tuesday, April 9

### **CATTLE CALL PARK TO OCOTILLO**

**41.4 miles | 830 feet**

- Leave Cattle Call Park
  - Ride to lunch at Sunbeam Lake
  - Ride through scenic Plaster City.
  - Reach Ocotillo Community Center.
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Day Four | Wednesday, April 10

### **OCOTILLO TO VALLECITO**

**35.5 MILES | 1818 FEET OF CLIMBING**

- Leave Ocotillo Community Center.
  - Ride to Border Patrol station.
    - Officers might stop drivers (never riders) and ask for identification.
  - Ride to snack at the top of Sweeny Pass.
  - Steep downhill on Sweeny Pass.
    - Stay in front of your child.
    - Stay out of the gravel.
    - Control your speed.
    - Follow the advice of volunteers.
  - Ride to Vallecito.
  - Lunch and dinner at Vallecito.
  - There are showers at Vallecito. Bring quarters.
  - Pack a sweater for tomorrow or leave a sweater in a chase car.
  - Don't miss tonight's ghost story.
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Day Five | Thursday, April 11

### **VALLECITO TO SPENCER VALLEY SCHOOL**

**35.1 MILES | 3572 FEET OF CLIMBING**

- Leave Vallecito.
  - Ride to snack stop at Stagecoach Store.
  - Ride to lunch at the Banner Grade Store.
  - No chase allowed on the Banner Grade.
    - Chase will drive up Banner Grade in front or behind all riders.
  - Ride up Banner Grade.
  - If you have family meet you in Julian:
    - Our arrival time at Julian High School is 2:45 pm or later.
    - Families should park near the library, not right in front of Julian High School.
    - Families may not stop on the Banner Grade.
  - Volunteers will serve free pie to registered RAC participants.
  - Please stay and cheer on all riders as they come up the hill.
    - Don't miss this. A real highlight of the trip.
  - Retrieve your sweater. This spot can be chilly.
  - Ride to Spencer Valley School.
  - Dinner that night is at Heroes Pizza (across the street from Spencer Valley School).
  - We eat in shifts. The first shift starts at 5 pm.
  - If the night is chilly, campers may sleep inside the Spencer Valley School.
  - If you have a hotel room in Julian, arrange for chase drivers to drive you up.
  - RVs park in the dirt lot next to Heroes Pizza
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Day Six | Friday, April 12

### **SPENCER VALLEY SCHOOL TO GIRLS SCOUTS ESCONDIDO**

**43.3 MILES | 1748 FEET OF CLIMBING**

- Breakfast is served at Heroes Pizza. The first shift starts at 6 am.
- Julian hotel sleepers must be at the Spencer Valley School no later than 7:00.
- We all must have left Spencer Valley School by **7:30 a.m.**
- Bring scarves and gloves or put socks on your hands. The first hour is chilly.
- Leave sweaters in a chase car before the first hill and as you warm up.

- Ride Black Canyon.
    - Black Canyon has steep dropoffs, deep ruts, and lots of gravel
    - Please stay close to your kids.
      - Make sure they
        - control their speed (especially in turns)
        - stay away from the edge
        - stay out of ruts
  - Only one chase (Sabine) is allowed on Black Canyon Road. All other vehicles turn around and drive to Ramona via the 78.
  - Ride to lunch in Ramona.
  - Ride through Highland Valley Road. Control your speed.
  - Arrive at the Girls Scout Center.
  - Riders who are heading home for the night arrange for pick up at the Girl Scout Escondido Program Center. 3050 Las Palmas Ave. Escondido, CA 92025.
    - You are encouraged to take your luggage home from here.
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Day Seven | Saturday, April 12

**GIRLS SCOUTS ESCONDIDO to MISSION BAY**

**29.1 MILES | 1651 FEET**

- If you spent the night at home, be back at the Girls Scout Center parking lot no later than 7:30 am.
- Ride to snack at Torrey Meadows Park.
- Group pictures:
  - all 5th graders
  - all riders
  - all chase
  - everyone
- We will not take individual school group pictures.
  - If you would like a picture of the kids from just your school, please do that privately.
- After snack, chase parents drive to Mission Bay.
  - Your work is done.
  - Thank you for your awesome work.
  - We could not do the RAC without your help

- Riders leave Torrey Meadows Park.
- Riders arrive at Mission Bay.
  - 2600 De Anza Road. Mission Bay Park. SD 92109. By the circle.
- Chase parents, family, and friends greet incoming riders.
  - Please invite friends and family to arrive at Mission Bay no later than **1 pm**.
  - Encourage families and friends to bring posters and flowers.
  - No “confetti bombs.” No noise makers. We want to come back next year.
  - Kindly ask your family to stay on the sidewalk and not crowd the road.
  - Parking can be scarce on sunny days.
  - Thank you for coming.
- Volunteers ride in first, followed by parents.
- Kids will ride in once volunteers and parents are in place.
  - Kids will ride it in reverse order.
    - The groups of kids who were typically in the front all week will ride in last.
    - The group of kids who were in the back all week will ride in first.
    - We want to emphasize that the RAC is not a race.
    - This choice might disappoint some kids. Please tell them in advance.
  - The kids will be assisted by Youth Support.
  - Dennis rides in last.
  - At least one volunteer will cry.
  - Please stay and cheer until **ALL** kids have reached the beach.
- Once all riders are in, head to the water, dip your tire and take pictures.
- You are done. Congratulations.
- Now tell the world what you did this past week. Nobody will believe you.

#### Epilogue

- Please pick up your luggage at **7236 Caribou Court. SD 92129 between 5 - 6 pm** on Saturday evening.
  - The luggage truck will not go to Mission Bay

The End