

EVENT GUIDE



August 23-24, 2025

IMPORTANT! All student-athletes and coaches must fill out a waiver and turn it in to your Team Director!

WAIVER

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Welcome!

We're so excited to have you and your family join us for an unforgettable weekend with the Nevada North League! Whether you're a first-time race family or seasoned veterans of the trail, we're here to celebrate everything that makes NICA special—community, challenge, and tons of two-wheeled fun!

At the heart of everything we do are NICA's Core Values:

-  Fun – Because joy fuels growth.
-  Inclusivity – Every rider has a place here.
-  Equity – We strive to level the playing field.
-  Respect – For each other, the environment, and ourselves.
-  Community – We build more than riders—we build lifelong connections.

This event guide is jam-packed with important information so please take your time to read it. If you have questions, please reach out to your Team Director.

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Nevada North Handbook

The NICA Nevada North Handbook lives on our website and you can also find it below. The handbook has everything you need to know for races including the rules. Please note that while your awesome coaches do their best to pass along the rules, it is the student-athlete's responsibility to know them and follow them.

Pages 5 & 6 contain the Code of Conduct for both student-athletes & adults.

To help you out, here are a few rules that are really important:

- No riding your bike in the Pit Zone at any time.
- Both wheels must be on the ground and both hands on the bars as you cross the finish line.
- Any time your leg is over the top tube, you must have a helmet strapped on (adults, this goes for you too!).

As always, our goal is to have a safe, fun event!

**Nevada North
Handbook**



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Stay up-to-date

Information in this race flier is subject to change. Please check back just prior to the race weekend to make sure you have the most current information available.

We will be communicating with coaches and will also send race updates via Single Track Times, Instagram, and Facebook should they occur.

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Welcome to Kirkwood, CA

Nestled at an elevation of around 7,800 feet in the Eldorado National Forest, the quiet community of Kirkwood, CA (population ~190) transforms into a vibrant alpine playground each summer. The centerpiece, Kirkwood Mountain Resort, sheds its winter snowpack to reveal sprawling hiking and biking trails that wind through wildflower meadows and pine-forested ridges.

Beyond the resort boundary, adventurers can fish, paddle, or swim at Caples Lake, Silver Lake, and Kirkwood Lake—all just minutes away. Thrill-seekers can go rock climbing, rope-course jumping, zip-lining, or horseback riding in the nearby Mokelumne Wilderness.

The Nevada North League is excited to visit Kirkwood Resort for the first stop in our 2025 race series, and even more awesome, for the first time in league history! The staff at Kirkwood Resort is very excited to host us and they have worked for nearly a year to help us get all of the plans in place for an epic weekend to kick off our 10th year of getting #morekidsonbikes!

Kirkwood Krank race course

The Kirkwood Krank mountain bike course offers a true backcountry adventure, climbing steadily into a high-alpine loop bursting with wildflowers and sweeping views. Riders transition into a network of playful, flowy trails connected by Sno-Cat roads, showcasing the beauty of the Sierra wilderness. High school racers continue the climb to a breathtaking singletrack ridge with panoramic views, while middle school racers peel off into a snakey singletrack descent that twists to the bottom. With its mix of remote beauty and fast, fun terrain, the course perfectly captures the spirit of mountain biking in the high Sierra.



Address

1501 Kirkwood Meadows Dr
Kirkwood, CA 95646



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Parking

Day parking will be in the Timber Creek parking lot. Parking at this event is free. Please follow the directions of the parking attendant and thank them - they are volunteers and they help our events immensely by helping keep our parking lots organized.



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Camping

We're excited to kick off the season by offering dry camping at Kirkwood Resort—an incredible opportunity to immerse yourself in the mountains and the NICA Nevada North culture from sunrise to starlight. There's something special about waking up at elevation, surrounded by pine trees, crisp alpine air, and a community that lives and breathes adventure, respect, and fun. Dry camping brings teams and families together—sharing meals, swapping stories, helping each other, and cheering each other on. It's a chance to slow down, connect, and start the season grounded in what matters most: kids on bikes, community, and creating memories that last far beyond race weekend. Whether you're pre-riding, exploring, or just soaking it all in, this is how we launch a season—Nevada North style.

If camping isn't your thing, you can also look into vacation rentals.

To reserve a site, register at the link [here](#). Please note that the fee is \$40, whether you camp for one night or two nights! There will be porta potties on site, no other amenities.



Saturday night festival

We're kicking off our celebration of 10 years of #MoreKidsOnBikes with a concert featuring **Napster Playlist!**

It's the perfect way to launch the season—celebrating not just our time on the bike, but the unique off-the-bike talents within our community. This fun, high-energy event sets the tone for a season of connection, stoke, and gratitude for the past decade of riding, racing, and growing together. Come out, enjoy the music, and help us celebrate the spirit of Nevada North in true #MoreKidsOnBikes style!

Join us from 6-8p at the Red Cliffs Lodge!



Food

At Kirkwood, dining options are limited, so it's best to plan ahead. The General Store restaurant offers a small menu (8a-6:30p on Sat/Sun), and the KCA Café is another option for a quick bite or coffee—both come with typical resort pricing. The General Store is also open with snacks and drinks until 8 p.m. If you'd like more flexibility, we recommend bringing your own food from home to ensure you've got what you need for the weekend.



Registration

- All athletes must be registered in the Pit Zone by **Wednesday, August 13 at 11:59p** in order to compete in the Kirkwood Krank.
- There is no in-person registration.
- There is no late registration.
- All events are included in the season fee and so there is no extra charge.
- Students must be league registered and “race-ready” in order to participate **Race Ready** is:
 - All information entered in the Pit Zone, League fee and race fee have been paid.
 - Release form completed electronically in Pit Zone (once per season).
 - “Practice ready” refers to those that have all of the above except the race fee paid. This is for the riders that may participate in the pre-ride with their team but are not racing.
- **If you have questions registration, please reach out to your Team Director.**



Register in the
Pit Zone



Volunteer

- Race day would not be possible without the incredible work of our volunteers. It takes a “village” to put on quality youth mountain bike races.
- Saturday and Sunday positions are available.
- We know some positions can look complex and possibly overwhelming for first-time volunteers. Rest assured ALL of our volunteer positions are FUN and require no previous experience and our Core Race Staff are with you every step of the way! You will feel confident and well-prepared for your task.

Pick one (or two) that sound interesting to you, register below to guarantee your preferred volunteer sports for the Kirkwood Krank!

For more information contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Ann Miers, at ann@nevadamtb.org.

Volunteer at
the event



Event weekend schedule

Saturday

9:00 AM Volunteer Shifts Begin

12:00 PM Pit Zone Access is open, registration opens

12:30 PM *NICA GRiT Ride - meet at the NICA GRiT Tent at 12:15p

12:30 PM Coaches Pre-Ride

2:00 PM Pre-Ride Open to all riders - You must have a coach with you on course!

4:00 PM Registration closes

5:00 PM Pre-Ride is closed, registration is closed

Sunday

6:45 AM Volunteer shifts begin

7:00 AM Registration opens, Win's Wheels Neutral Support begins

7:30 AM Pre-Ride open to all riders - you must have a coach with you on course!

8:30 AM Pre-Ride closed, Head Coaches Meeting near the Registration tent

8:45 AM Staging - Wave 1 HS Boys

9:00 AM Racing - Wave 1 HS Boys

8:50 AM National Anthem

9:00 AM Racing begins -let's have FUN!

10:30 AM Staging - Wave 2 High School Girls

10:45 AM Racing - Wave 2 High School Girls

11:30 AM Registration closes

12:00 PM Staging - Wave 3 MS Girls

12:15 PM Racing - Wave 3 MS Girls

1:00 PM Staging - Wave 4 MS Boys

1:15 PM Racing - Wave 4 MS Boys

2:00 PM Racing concludes

2:15 PM Pit Zone breakdown begins - many hands make light work!

3:00 PM Awards Ceremony

Notes:

- Neutral Support will be provided on race day by Win's Wheels
- Awards could be earlier or later, depending on when the course and infield gets broken down. We begin awards once results are finalized and the infield is packed up.



Pit Zone team area rules

- Pit Zone team area is open for loading/unloading
 - Saturday: 11:00am -5:00pm
 - **There will be no riding on course prior to the pre-ride opening.**
 - Sunday: 7:00am -8:00am and after the infield is taken down.
- Garbage expectations - pack in/pack out
- No Gas Generators in the PitZone.
- No fires/no bbqs.
- No inappropriate language allowed
- Please leave your dog at home.
- Traffic/Parking - parking is free, please be courteous of the neighborhood,
- Conflicts and/or disputes should not be dealt with in the team Pit Zone area.
- Any violation of the above rules may result in a team penalty and/or expulsion from the Pit Zone and infield area.

Reminder: No riding your bike in the Pit Zone!

Please stay for awards if possible so we can celebrate the opening event of '2025!



Pre-ride information

Pre-Ride Hours

Coaches only (Saturday, 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm)

GRiT pre-ride (Saturday, 12:30p-2:00p)

Saturday afternoon (2:00 pm - 5:00 pm)

Sunday morning (7:30 am - 8:30 am)



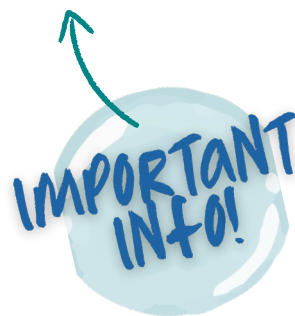
All racers should pre-ride the course.

Riders must adhere to any course restrictions!

NICA GRiT Ride(girls only) is from 12:30-2:00 pm on Saturday led by GRiT Coordinator Sheryl Walker...Meet at the NICA GRiT Tent at 12:15pm.

To be on course: ALL RIDERS (STUDENTS & REGISTERED COACHES) must be fully “practice ready” in the Pit Zone and have their number plates affixed to their bike.

NO UNREGISTERED PARENTS/SIBLINGS ALLOWED ON COURSE.



Reminder: You must pre-ride with your team!



Wave start times

Staging will begin 15 minutes before each wave, 20 minutes for Level 1 boys.

Note: Final lap count decision per category will be finalized and confirmed at the start of each race in addition to any lap cut-off times.

High School Waves

Green = 2.9 mi

Yellow = 4.1 mi

Black = 5.9 mi

High School Boys

Varsity	9:00 AM	1 Green, 2 Black	Pink
JV	9:01 AM	1 Green, 1 Black, 1 Yellow	Green
Level 5	9:02 AM	1 Green, 1 Black, 1 Yellow	Sky blue
Level 4, heat 1	9:03 AM	1 Green, 1 Black	Yellow
Level 4, heat 1	9:04 AM	1 Green, 1 Black	Yellow

High School Girls

Varsity	10:45AM	2 Black	Pink
JV	10:46 AM	1 Black, 1 Yellow	Green
Level 4	10:47 AM	1 Black	Yellow

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Wave start times

Staging will begin 15 minutes before each wave, 20 minutes for Level 1 boys.

Note: Final lap count decision per category will be finalized and confirmed at the start of each race in addition to any lap cut-off times.

Middle School Girls

Level 3	12:15 PM	1 Black	Blue
Level 2	12:16 PM	1 Yellow	Vermillion
Level 1	12:17 PM	1 Yellow	Orange

Middle School Boys

Level 3	1:15 PM	2 Yellow	Blue
Level 2	1:16 PM	1 Yellow	Vermillion
Level 1, heat 1	1:17 PM	1 Yellow	Orange
Level 1, heat 2	1:18 PM	1 Yellow	Orange

Call-Ups



Chip information

All riders will receive a permanent number plate with chip timing transponder on the backside. Riders will use the same plate for the entire race series, so please remove this number plate before mounting the bike for transport to prevent loss. **Replacement number plates will be available at the registration tent for \$20 (cash or check only).**

Petitions

Those petitioning for exceptions to category placement for the second race must do so by Tuesday, 9/2/2025 by 5:00p.m. This is also the deadline for the entire season. Contact your Team Director or Head Coach to submit a petition.

Weather Policy

Our primary considerations are the safety of riders, support staff and spectators, and potential damage to the venue and trails. Any decisions regarding canceling, postponing or altering race start times, lap lengths, number of laps, etc. will be made jointly by league staff and the land manager. Often this decision cannot be made until the morning of the race due to the unpredictable and rapidly changing nature of severe weather. The league will make every attempt to notify the racing population as soon as possible via email, social media and website updates.



Team Directors meeting

A mandatory Team Directors meeting will be held near the Registration tent on Sunday, August 24th at 8:30 AM.

Each team must have one representative present at the meeting.

Contact information

General League Questions: League Director, leaguedirector@nevadamtb.org

Race/Venue Specific Questions: [Nikki Peterson](#), Race Director, nikki@nevadamtb.org

Rule Specific Questions: [Paul Miers](#), Race Official, paul@nevadamtb.org

Registration Specific Questions: [Nikki Peterson](#), Race Director, nikki@nevadamtb.org

Please note that most staff arrive onsite Friday of each race weekend and may not have sufficient cell/data coverage to respond to calls/emails. Please plan accordingly.

