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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **USA Cycling Texas State Championship to take place at Kerrville Mountain Bike Festival in Kerrville-Schreiner Park**

**Kerrville, Texas (Oct. 23, 2023)** – Orange Seal is proud to present the third annual Kerrville Mountain Bike Festival at Kerrville-Schreiner Park, 2385 Bandera Hwy., on Oct. 28-29, 2023. The

Texas Hill Country Mountain Bike Association, a local group led by the owners of Hill Country Bicycle Works, Lisa and Adam Salladin, organizes the Kerrville Mountain Bike Festival. This year, the festival is excited to be hosting the USA Cycling Texas State Championship while offering plenty of fun



programming for non-racers. This event is the fifth and final race in the Texas Mountain Bike Racing Association (TMBRA) Trek Texas Cup Mountain Bike Series. Racers will come from all over the state to compete, but anyone can participate. There are 29 different classes and

categories that are vying for championship designation, and 10 classes that will compete for honors from ages 10 and under all the way up to 70 years old.

Saturday at the Kerrville Mountain Bike Festival will be full of fun activities and opportunities to get involved for those who are not racing. The Women's Empowerment Cycling Texas group will host a free all women's pre-ride of the race course. This is open to all women, racing or not. Sunshine the Clown will be on site from 12-3 p.m. offering free face painting. The free Woom Kids Cup event starts at 1 p.m. and will feature a safety talk and a race for ages 2-12 years old. At 2 p.m., a free first-time racer clinic will begin. This session is available to all racers but geared to first-timers and will teach race etiquette, rules, and provide loads of great tips for mountain biking. The Adult/Junior Team Time Trial starts at 3 p.m., with registration for this event closing at 2 p.m. The Costume Crit starts at 5 p.m. and will feature a short race around the expo area. All participants must be in costume and registration for this event will close at 4:45 p.m. The Unicycle Race and a Wheelie Contest start at 5:30 p.m. and will close out biking activities for the day.

The day will wrap-up with a free event open to all, the Halloween Hunt. This event provides an opportunity for participants to hunt for candy hidden around the trees of the big field by the light of the Full Moon.

Sunday is race day with the cross-country mountain bike races starting at 8:30 a.m. Race start times and distances are based on rider abilities. There is an 11, 22, and 24-mile race for adults, as well as a modified six-mile course for those 10 and under and seven miles for 12 and under. All the races will take place on the Kerrville-Schreiner Park trail system.

Registration for Saturday's events can be completed online prior to the event or on-site on race day. Registration for Sunday's events must be completed online up to 30 minutes before your category race start. Information can be found at [www.kerrvillemountainbikefestival.com](http://www.kerrvillemountainbikefestival.com).

**Schedule of events:**

**Saturday**

- Women's Empowerment Cycling Pre-Ride (Free) - 9 a.m.
- Sunshine the Clown face painting (Free) - 12 noon - 3 p.m.
- Kids Cup (Free) – 1 p.m.
- First-Time Racer Clinic (Free) – 2 p.m.
- Adult/ Junior Team Time Trial – 3 p.m.
- Costume Crit – 5 p.m.
- Unicycle Race – 5:30 p.m.
- Halloween Hunt (Free) – 7 p.m.

**Sunday**

- 10 and Under – 8:30 a.m.
- 12 and Under – 9 a.m.
- Cat 3 – 9:30 a.m.
- Cat 2 – 10:45 a.m.
- Cat 1 – 12:45 p.m.

The hillside trails at Kerrville-Schreiner Park will be closed Sunday, Oct. 29 from 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. Kerrville-Schreiner Park users should be prepared to share the course with those racers who may be pre-riding the course the weekend before the race, as well as on Saturday, Oct. 28. Trails are multi-use and two directional, so be aware of your surroundings and other trail users.

Spectators are welcome and encouraged on race day. There are numerous places to watch the race unfold. The park will be open to all Saturday and Sunday so come out and join the fun. Kerrville-Schreiner Park boasts over 15 miles of hiking and mountain biking trails

“We’re looking forward to continuing to bring events to Kerrville-Schreiner Park to show off this beautiful and unique city park,” Lisa Salladin said. “Kerrville-Schreiner Park is a wonderful but still a lesser-known mountain biking destination.”

For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (830) 257-7300, [recreation@kerrvilletx.gov](mailto:recreation@kerrvilletx.gov), visit the city’s website at [www.kerrvilletx.gov](http://www.kerrvilletx.gov), or follow us on Facebook at City of Kerrville Parks and Recreation Department or Instagram at cityofkerrville.



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