



Sisters Stampede 2027 Tech Guide

Memorial Weekend Mountain Bike Race • May 30th, 2027 • Sisters, Oregon

Established 2010

 by Mike Ripley

Foreword — Thank you to our Veterans

Welcome to Sisters Country. Whether you're a first-timer discovering the high desert of Central Oregon for the first time or a seasoned Stampede regular returning to trails you love, we are so glad you're here.

The Sisters Stampede falls this year on **Memorial Day Weekend — May 30th, 2027**. It is a weekend of celebration, camaraderie, and adventure. It is also something more. Memorial Day is a time set aside to honor and remember the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces who gave everything — who made the ultimate sacrifice so that the rest of us could live freely, gather openly, and chase our passions in places as beautiful as Sisters, Oregon.

To every Veteran and active-duty service member in our community: **thank you**. The freedom to ride these trails, to line up at a start line, to share a post-race meal with friends — it is a gift, and it was paid for by your courage, your sacrifice, and the sacrifice of those who came before you. We do not take it lightly.

*"A special thank you to **Jeffrey Fritts** — Sisters Stampede participant and U.S. Air Force veteran — for sharing his perspective from the working end of a C-130, and for his service to our country."*

Photo: Jeffrey Fritts, U.S. Air Force Veteran & Sisters Stampede Participant — "View from the Working End, C-130"

With that spirit in our hearts, let's ride. The Sisters Stampede is everything we love about mountain biking — community, adventure, a little suffering, and a whole lot of joy rolling through one of the most stunning landscapes in the Pacific Northwest. Mudslinger Events is proud to bring this race back to Sisters for another incredible year.

Now saddle up, soak it all in, and make some memories out there on the trails.

Giddy Up! 🤠

— The Mudslinger Events Team

Welcome to Sisters, Oregon

Home of the Sisters Stampede — Memorial Weekend Mountain Bike Classic

Sisters, Oregon is one of the most beloved small towns in the Pacific Northwest — a charming western-style community nestled at the foot of the Three Sisters mountains in the heart of Central Oregon. With its ponderosa pine forests, volcanic rock trails, and stunning Cascade views, it's the perfect backdrop for a mountain bike race.

The Sisters Stampede has called this community home since 2010, drawing riders from across the Pacific Northwest and beyond. Capped at 500 riders by permit, this race is intimate, community-driven, and deeply rooted in the spirit of adventure.

The Peterson Ridge Trail System

The race takes place on the legendary Peterson Ridge Trail system — a network of flowy, technical singletrack winding through high desert terrain with sweeping views of the Three Sisters, Mt. Washington, and Black Butte. Expect volcanic rock, pumice soil, and some of the most scenic riding in Oregon.

Distances:

- Short Course: ~14 miles | ~675 ft elevation gain | 14 Categories
- Long Course: ~25 miles | ~1,253 ft elevation gain | 22 Categories

Getting to Sisters:

- From Portland (PDX): ~2.5 hours
- From Eugene: ~2 hours
- From Bend: ~30 minutes

Thanks to the Sisters community, U.S. Forest Service, landowners, and sponsors for making this event possible year after year.





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Blazin Saddles Bike Shop

Official Venue & Heart of the Sisters Stampede

Blazin Saddles Bike Shop is the beating heart of the Sisters Stampede. Located in the heart of Sisters, Oregon, Blazin Saddles serves as the official race venue, packet pickup location, and the start/finish hub for the entire event.

Why Blazin Saddles Matters:

More than just a bike shop, Blazin Saddles is a community institution. Their support, expertise, and passion for cycling make the Sisters Stampede possible year after year. When you're in town, stop in, say thank you, and support the shop that supports this race.

Visit Blazin Saddles:

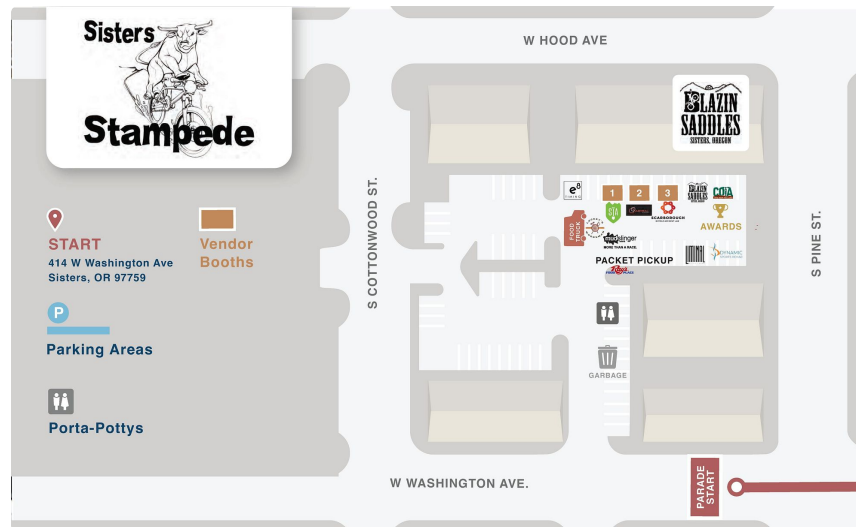
- 📍 Located in Sisters, Oregon — right in the heart of town
- 🌐 blazinsaddleshub.com
- 🚲 Full-service bike shop: sales, rentals, repairs, and tune-ups
- 🎉 Saturday Block Party: Packet Pickup + festivities at Blazin Saddles, 10am–4pm

Race Day Hub:

All riders start and finish at Blazin Saddles. The parade start departs from West Washington Street, adjacent to the shop. Porta-potties and a hand-washing station are located on-site.

"Thank you, Blazin Saddles Bike Shop, for all the support! Please thank them for their efforts — this event would not be possible without them."

[Visit blazinsaddleshub.com](https://blazinsaddleshub.com)



Saturday Block Party & Packet Pickup

May 29th | 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM · Blazin Saddles Bike Shop, Sisters, Oregon

The Saturday before the race is a full celebration at Blazin Saddles! This is the best way to kick off your Sisters Stampede weekend — pick up your packet, meet fellow riders, check out the venue, and soak up the Sisters vibe before the big day.

10:00 AM — Doors Open | Packet Pickup Begins

Blazin Saddles opens for packet pickup. Grab your race plate, transponder, swag, and military plate (if selected). Beat the Sunday morning rush and arrive relaxed on race day.

What's in Your Packet:

- Custom Race Plate (with transponder for timing)
- Custom Military Plate (if selected at registration)
- Sisters Stampede Socks OR Water Bottle
- ⚠️ Transponder Fee: \$100 if not returned to the designated drop spot after your race

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM — Vendor Village & Expo

Browse sponsor booths, demo gear, and connect with the Sisters Stampede community. Sponsors, local vendors, and race partners will be on-site all day.

All Day — Bike Shop Open

Need a last-minute tune-up, a new tube, or race-day supplies? Blazin Saddles' full-service shop is open and staffed by their expert team. Get your bike dialed before the start line.

All Day — Pre-Ride the Course

Riders are encouraged to pre-ride from town. Spin out to the Peterson Ridge Trail system, preview the singletrack, and get your legs ready. Ride back through Sisters and enjoy the scenery.

🚌 New! Stagecoach Adventures Shuttle

Stagecoach Adventures is offering a shuttle service for race weekend. Check stagecoachadventures.com for the full shuttle schedule and pickup locations.

4:00 PM — Packet Pickup Closes

Last chance for Saturday pickup! Sunday race-day pickup opens at 7:00 AM but closes 40 minutes before your start time — don't risk it. Get your packet Saturday!

💡 Pro Tip: Saturday pickup = stress-free Sunday. Come for the party, leave race-ready. 🧐



Race Day — Packet Pickup & Staging

Sunday, May 30th · Everything You Need for Race Day

SUNDAY — Race Day Packet Pickup

 Sunday, May 30th | 7:00 AM until 40 minutes before your start time

 Blazin Saddles Bike Shop

Important: No Day-of Registration or Entry. All entries must be completed in advance.

PARKING — MANDATORY FOR SOLO RIDERS

-  **Sisters Middle School** is the designated parking area for all riders NOT arriving with family or non-racing friends.
-  Parking lot opens at **6:00 AM** on race day, Sunday May 30th.
-  Ride 1.5 miles to Blazin Saddles Bike Shop with your helmet on — it's a great warm-up!
-  **No parking at the venue on race day** — this is strictly enforced.

New for 2027 — Stagecoach Adventures Shuttle Service!

Don't want to ride from the parking lot? Take advantage of the new **Stagecoach Adventures shuttle service** running from Sisters Middle School to Blazin Saddles on race morning. Watch for details and schedule at stagecoachadventures.com.

STAGING TIMES & STREET CLOSURES

Short Course (9:10 AM Start):

- Street Closure: 8:40 AM – 9:10 AM on W. Washington between S. Pine and Cottonwood
- Road Closure: S. Pine & W. Washington — 10 minutes prior to parade start

Long Course (11:45 AM Start):

- Street Closure: 11:15 AM – 12:10 PM on W. Washington between S. Pine and Cottonwood
- Road Closure: S. Pine & W. Washington — 10 minutes prior to start

Parade Start: All riders begin with a neutral parade rollout led by wave pacers. Do NOT pass your pacer — they are chipped and establish your official wave start time at the PRT Trailhead on Three Creeks Rd.

Each rider will be calf-marked: S = Short Course, L = Long Course, plus your Wave #.





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Race Day Festivities & Awards

Food, Fun, and the Podium — Celebrating in Sisters Style

The Sisters Stampede is more than a race — it's a full weekend celebration in one of Oregon's most beloved mountain towns. After you cross the finish line, the party is just getting started.

Food Trucks & Vendors

Food trucks and vendors will be on-site throughout race day. Grab a bite, browse local vendors, and soak up the Sisters atmosphere while cheering on fellow riders.

Awards Schedule

🏆 Short Course Awards: 12:45 PM — Top 3 in each division

🏆 Long Course Awards: 2:45 PM — Top 3 in each division

Coveted Sinlgespeed Belt will be awarded

Special [FivePine Lodge and Cabins](#) Awarded to the top man and top women of the long course

35 Categories | Top 3 Awarded in Every Division

Cash Purse — Overall Top 5 (Men & Women):

- 1st Place: \$300
- 2nd Place: \$150
- 3rd Place: \$100
- 4th Place: \$100
- 5th Place: \$100
- Total Purse: \$1,500

Custom Awards:

- Custom medals for all podium finishers
- Custom Sisters Stampede Belt Buckle for all first place riders
- Custom overall award for top rider in short and long courses
- 🏠 FivePine Lodge & Spa Romance Cabin for the Top Overall Men's and Women's Long Course Champions

Special Rules — Please Read:

- ❌ No E-bikes permitted as of the time this is being prepped 8-6-26. We will see for 2027
- ❌ No outside alcohol in the venue (DQ penalty)
- ⚠️ Remove your Garmin/GPS device when not racing — theft can happen at events

After the Race:

Check your results live via the link in the race header. Ride back, relax, and enjoy Sisters. You earned it!

Make sure to check out all the great Stampede gear and custom Mudslinger Events merchandise at the venue.

Wave Staging & Start Times

Know Your Wave — Short Course 9:10 AM | Long Course 11:45 AM

How the Wave Start Works

Each wave will be led individually by a rider wearing a **yellow vest**. These wave leaders are **chipped** — when you cross the end of the neutral rollout on Three Creeks Rd, their chip establishes your wave's official start time for overall placing accuracy.

At the **9:10 AM start**, each wave will have a **10-second gap** before the next wave begins its parade start through Sisters. Follow your yellow vest leader, stay behind them through the neutral zone, and do not pass until you cross the PRT Trailhead timing point on Three Creeks Rd.

Oregon XC Series leaders (Top 5 please stage as close as you can to the front)

SHORT COURSE — 9:10 AM Start

~14 Miles | 14 Categories

- **Wave 1:** Cat 3 Junior Men 9–13 & 14–18 | Junior Women 9–13 & 14–18
- **Wave 2:** Cat 3 Men 19–39, 40–49
- **Wave 3:** Cat 3 Men 50–59, 60–69, 70–79, 80+
- **Wave 4:** Cat 3 Women 19–39, 40–49, 50–59, 60–69, 70+

LONG COURSE — 11:45 AM Start

~25 Miles | 22 Categories

- **Wave 1:** Elite Men | Cat 1 Men 19–49 | Cat 1 Men 50+
- **Wave 2:** Elite Women | Cat 1 Women | Cat 1 Junior Men | Cat 2 Men 14–18 | Cat 1 Junior Women | Cat 2 Women 14–18 | Singlespeed Men & Women
- **Wave 3:** Cat 2 Men 19–39 | Cat 2 Men 40–49
- **Wave 4:** Cat 2 Men 50–59
- **Wave 5:** Cat 2 Men 60–69 | Cat 2 Men 70+ | Clydesdales 200+
- **Wave 6:** Cat 2 Women 19–39, 40–49, 50–59, 60+ | Non-Binary

Racing Age: Determined by age on 12/31 of the current year.

Calf Marking: S = Short Course, L = Long Course + Wave Number (left calf)

Pacer Rule: Do NOT pass your wave pacer. They are chipped and set your official wave start time at the PRT Trailhead.



Volunteer Roles & Positions

The Sisters Stampede Runs on Community — Thank You, Volunteers!



Wave Sweep Riders & Wave Leads

Wave leads wear yellow vests and are chipped for timing. They lead each wave from the parade start through Sisters and set the official wave start time at the PRT Trailhead on Three Creeks Rd. Sweep riders follow behind each wave to ensure no rider is left behind on course and to assist with any mechanical or medical issues.



Packet Pickup — Day Prior (Saturday)

Volunteers assist at Blazin Saddles Bike Shop from 10am–4pm during the Saturday Block Party. Duties include distributing race plates, transponders, swag (socks/water bottles), and military plates. Friendly faces and knowledge of the event are a must!



Packet Pickup — Race Day (Sunday)

On-site at Blazin Saddles starting at 7:00 AM. Volunteers help riders get their packets quickly and efficiently before their wave start. Packet pickup closes 40 minutes before each start time.



Course Marking & Setup

Volunteers assist with pre-race trail marking on the Peterson Ridge Trail system to ensure clear navigation for all riders. This is a great way to preview the course! Coordination with the U.S. Forest Service and landowners is required.

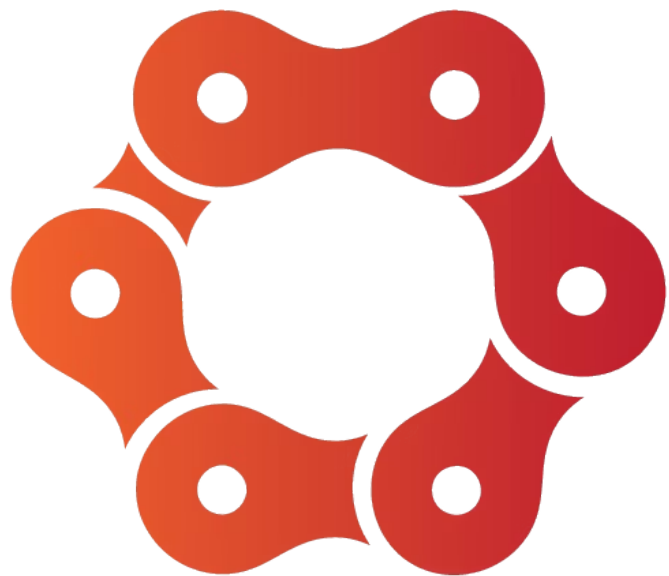


Aid Station — Sisters Trail Alliance

The aid station is led by our community partners, the Sisters Trail Alliance. Volunteers staff the on-course aid station providing water, nutrition support, and encouragement to riders. The Sisters Trail Alliance is a vital partner in maintaining the Peterson Ridge Trail system — please support them!

Volunteer for a 4-hour shift and receive a complimentary Sisters Stampede race entry! Sign up at the same link as registration: [Register & Volunteer at bikereg.com/sistersstampede](https://bikereg.com/sistersstampede)





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Matt Scarborough is an avid cyclist and Oregon's dedicated bicycle accident attorney, with over 30 years of experience fighting for injured riders. Based in Bend, Oregon, Matt serves clients statewide and nationwide, specializing exclusively in bicycle-related personal injury cases.

Why Matt Scarborough?

-  A cyclist himself — he understands your perspective on and off the bike
-  30+ years of experience in bicycle personal injury law



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Ride Strong — High Desert Sports & Spine

Official Sports Medical Sponsor of the Sisters Stampede · Bend, Oregon

Mountain biking pushes your body. Whether you're dealing with a nagging injury before race day or recovering after the Stampede, High Desert Sports & Spine in Bend, Oregon is your local expert in getting athletes back to doing what they love — fast.

High Desert Sports & Spine is a locally owned, board-certified practice specializing in spine care, sports medicine, orthopedics, and regenerative treatments. Their fellowship-trained physicians use advanced, image-guided diagnostics and minimally invasive procedures to identify the source of pain and get you back on the trail.

Services Include:

- 🦴 Spine care & orthopedics
- 🏃 Sports medicine & overuse injury treatment
- 💉 Nerve injections, ablations & spinal cord stimulation
- 🧬 Regenerative & orthobiologic treatments (PRP, stem cell)
- ⚡ Extracorporeal shockwave therapy (ESWT)
- 🖥️ Advanced image-guided diagnostics

Why Riders Choose High Desert Sports & Spine:

- Locally owned — they know Central Oregon athletes
- Direct-to-patient service with no unnecessary delays
- Minimally invasive focus for fast recovery
- Treating everything from acute race injuries to chronic conditions

📍 Bend, Oregon

🌐 highdesertsportsandspine.com

🔑 Rider Tips & Resources

Before race day, check out Mudslinger Events' Rider Tips page for training advice, gear recommendations, and race-day preparation:

👉 mudslingerevents.com/rider-tips

Get back to the trails faster — with the right care from the right team.

Visit highdesertsportsandspine.com

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Explore Sisters, Oregon

Make a Weekend of It — Sisters Has So Much More to Offer

The Sisters Stampede is the perfect excuse to spend a full weekend in one of Oregon's most charming small towns. Established in 1901 and nestled at the foot of the Three Sisters mountains, Sisters blends western heritage with outdoor adventure, world-class dining, arts, and a community spirit that's hard to find anywhere else.



Outdoor Adventure

Hike, bike, or explore the Peterson Ridge Trail, Black Butte, and the Three Sisters Wilderness. Sisters is a gateway to some of the best outdoor recreation in the Pacific Northwest — right out your back door.



Arts, Shops & Culture

Stroll the western-style storefronts of downtown Sisters. Browse galleries, boutiques, and local artisan shops. Sisters is home to the world-famous Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show and a vibrant arts community year-round.



Stargazing

With minimal light pollution and high desert skies, Sisters is one of the best places in Oregon to stargaze. After the race, look up — the Milky Way doesn't disappoint.



Eat, Drink & Be Merry

From Three Creeks Brewing Co. on the FivePine campus to local cafes, bakeries, and restaurants lining Cascade Avenue — Sisters has a thriving food scene that punches well above its size.



Sisters Rodeo & Events

Sisters hosts some of Oregon's most beloved annual events — including the Sisters Rodeo, Sisters Folk Festival, and the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show. Race weekend is just the beginning.



Where to Stay

FivePine Lodge & Spa is the official race resort, but Sisters also offers vacation rentals, B&Bs, and camping options for every budget. Book early — Memorial Weekend fills up fast!

Plan your Sisters adventure at exploresisters.com

 exploresisters.com |  Explore Sisters on Facebook

Race Day Best Practices & Trail Etiquette

Ride Hard, Ride Smart, Ride with Class

Passing & Trail Etiquette

The Sisters Stampede course has ample room to pass, especially in the first 6 miles — use it! Call out your passes clearly and early. Be patient, be kind, and remember that singletrack is single. Pass when you will not cause damage to the trail or another rider's day.

The Ripley Rule — "Don't Be a Dick"

You know what this means. You need to get by, or you're leading the pack — great! But remember: a recreational rider could be on course who doesn't even know a race is happening. Be considerate, smile, and kindly suggest they ride with the flow of the event. We understand some fields are large and at certain points — if a rider dabs or dismounts — traffic may stop for a few moments. That's racing. Know your limits, keep your cool, and be especially courteous to women riders. This course and this community deserve your best self.

Juniors — Use Your Voice!

You can't text or message the rider in front of you, so use your voice! Call out your pass clearly — "On your left!" or "Passing!" — and always say thank you after getting by. And here's a little wisdom: the rider you just passed may need by YOU later when you run out of juice. Treat every rider on this course with respect. What goes around comes around on the trail.

New Racers & Recreational Riders — Welcome!

If this is your first race or you're out enjoying the trails during race weekend, you belong here. Take in the scenery, enjoy the singletrack, and don't stress about pace. The Sisters Stampede is built for all levels — ages 9 to 80+. If the race catches up to you, just ride with the flow and let faster riders by safely. Giddy up and have fun out there.

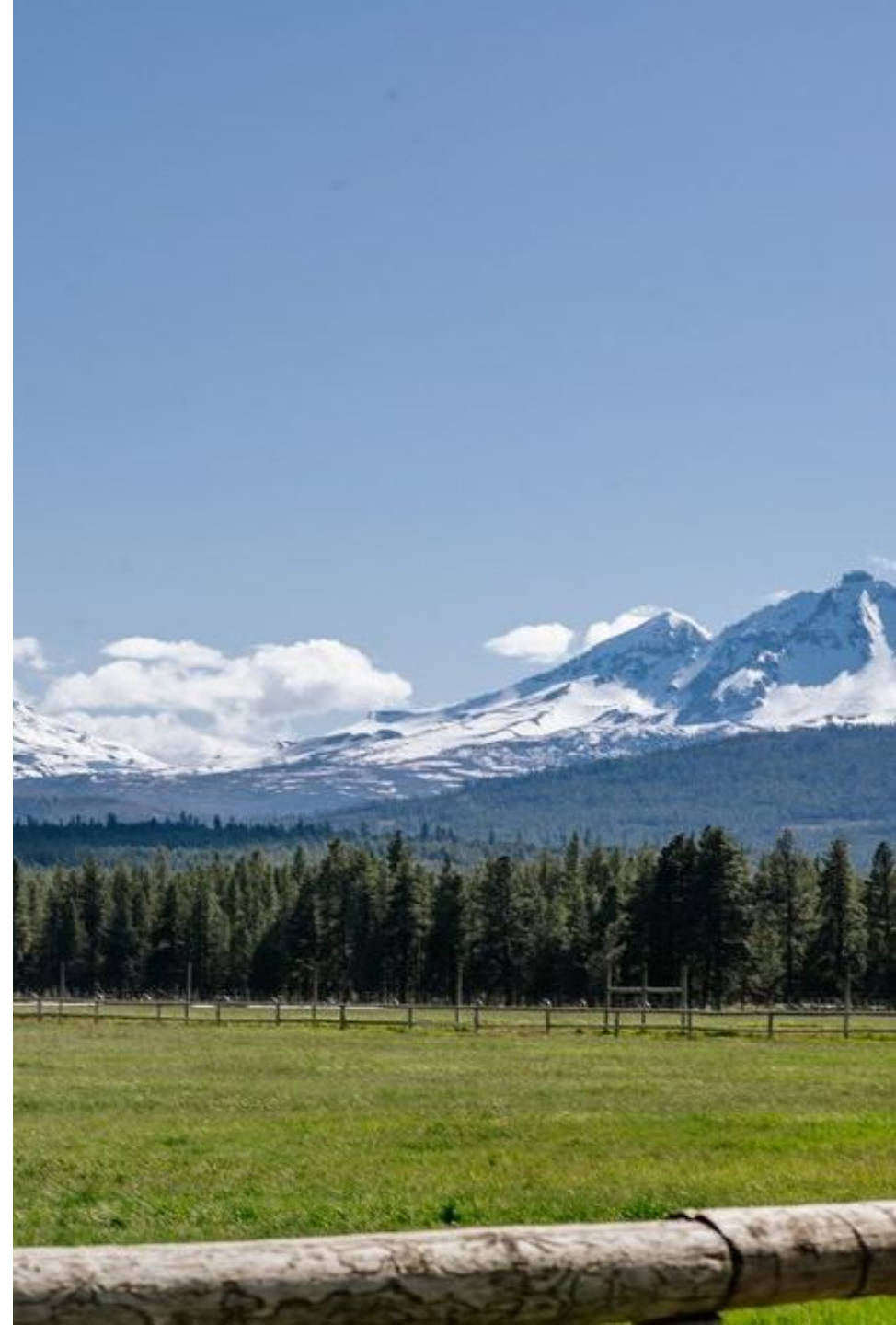
If Someone Is Injured — Know What to Do

We have **Adventure Medics on course and at the base**. If you come across an injured rider:

1. Stop and assess the situation
2. **Get the rider's race plate number**
3. Report to the nearest aid station or volunteer immediately
4. If the rider is unconscious, unresponsive, or seriously compromised — **CALL 911 immediately**. Do not wait.

Your quick action could save a life. Don't ride past a downed rider without stopping to check.

  **EMERGENCY:** Rider unconscious or seriously injured? CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY. Then get their plate number and notify the nearest volunteer or aid station.



See You at the Stampede!

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Thank you for being part of the Sisters Stampede family. Whether this is your first time lining up in Sisters or your tenth, we're grateful you're here.

This race exists because of an incredible community — the riders, volunteers, families, sponsors, and the town of Sisters itself. We are honored to host this event on Memorial Weekend and to carry the spirit of those who served in everything we do.

A heartfelt thank you to:

- The Sisters Community & local businesses
- Blazin Saddles Bike Shop — our venue and heart of the event
- FivePine Lodge & Spa
- Sisters Trail Alliance & the Peterson Ridge Trail system
- City of Sister, Deschutes County
- U.S. Forest Service & local landowners
- All our sponsors and volunteers
- Every Veteran and service member — past and present

Register for 2027:

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