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Sanpete Classic Bicycle Race Returns to Spring City

Sanpete County will once again play host to bicycle racing enthusiasts from across Utah this month when the second Sanpete Classic Bicycle Race returns to Spring City Saturday, Aug. 26.

Cyclists of all ages will compete in 46-, 72- and 98-mile races on courses that twist and wind through the local countryside. There will also be prizes, medals, a barbecue lunch and more.

The race was held for the first time in Sanpete County last summer. It was such a success that race organizers decided to return for an encore event. "We had been searching for a new venue to hold our race and Sanpete County fit the bill perfectly," says Eric Thompson, a member of the New Moon Cycling Club, who is helping organize the race.

Last year, ride organizers were attracted by Sanpete County's beautiful scenery and low automobile traffic, and those are some of the very reasons they decided to come back again. "While no large hills will be included, riders will be treated to rolling hills, false flats and a finishing grind that will separate out the finishers," Thompson says.

He adds the hospitality shown by the residents of Spring City and the Sanpete Travel and Heritage Council last year were also added draws to returning.

Spring City's Main Streets will serve as the start/finish location for each of the three courses. Depending on the selected course, riders will make their way through the communities of Mt. Pleasant, Fairview, Moroni, Fountain Green and Wales.

There are various categories for men, women, juniors (age 17 and younger) and master-level competitors. Race start times are between 10 to 10:45 a.m. depending on the category. Prizes and/or medals will be awarded in each division.

Registration will be held at the Spring City Old School, located at 100 East Center Street. People can also register online in advance at www.sportsbaseonline.com. Entry fees range from \$20 to \$40, with day-of registration costing an additional \$5.

For more information on the Sanpete Classic Bicycle Race, visit the New Moon Cycling website: http://www.newmoocycling.com/documents/SanpeteClassicFlyer06_000.pdf

General information on cycling is also available on the Utah Cycling Association's website, <http://uca.cycleutah.com>.



This is the second bicycling event to be held in Sanpete County this month. Aug. 11-12, Ephraim is hosting the first-ever Pioneer Trail Mountain Bike Event, aimed at introducing biking enthusiasts to the numerous biking opportunities the city has to offer.

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