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### Mountain Bike Festival to be held this weekend in Kerrville-Schreiner Park

**Kerrville, Texas (Oct. 19, 2021)** – Mountain bike racing is coming to Kerrville! The inaugural Kerrville Mountain Bike Festival will take place at Kerrville-Schreiner Park, 2385 Bandera Hwy., this Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 23-24, 2021. The event is organized by the Texas Hill Country Mountain Bike Association, which previously organized the Camp Eagle Classic from 2006-2019 and before that the Kelly Creek Classic from 1998-2005. The local group, led by Hill Country Bicycle Works owners Lisa and Adam Salladin, have years of experience in the racing world and host many events in the Hill Country.

The Kerrville Mountain Bike Festival is the fourth race in the Paul and Sue's Gratitudes Tour Texas Cup Mountain Bike Series presented by the Texas Mountain Bike Racing Association (TMBRA). Racers will come from all over the state to



compete. The races are open to everyone, and locals will have home course advantage should they chose to test their mettle. There are 39 different racing classes and categories that are recognized from ages 10-and-under to 70-years-and-above.

The festival kicks off on Saturday, Oct. 23 with a Costume Crit, a short race through the expo that will award the fastest racer as well as the best costume. The day continues with a free Kids Cup event featuring a safety talk and a race for children 2-12 years of age. A free first-time racers clinic will prepare you for all you need to know to race on Sunday. The Adult/Junior Team Time Trial and a Unicycle Race will round out Saturday's events.

Sunday, Oct. 24 is the big race day with the cross-country mountain bike event starting at 8:30 a.m. Race start times and distances of 11-33 miles are based on three different rider abilities. There is a modified course for the 12-and-under racing categories of six miles. All the races are on the trail system within Kerrville-Schreiner Park.

"We're so excited to bring a mountain bike race to Kerrville," race director Lisa Nye-Salladin said. "We've been building trails as volunteers in Kerrville-Schreiner Park for over 20 years and can't wait to show off this crown jewel of a city park. It will be a treat to bring racers from all over to see what Kerrville has to offer to the biking community."

**Schedule of events:**

Saturday, Oct. 23

- 1:30 p.m. – Costume Crit
- 2 p.m. – Kids Cup (FREE)

- 3 p.m. – 1<sup>st</sup> Time Racer Clinic (FREE)
- 4 p.m. – Adult/Junior Team Time Trial
- 5:30 p.m. – Unicycle Race

#### Sunday, Oct. 24

- 8:30 a.m. – 10/12 & Under Races (6 miles)
- 9 a.m. – Category 3 (11 miles)
- 10:15 a.m. – Category 2 (22 miles)
- 12:15 p.m. – Category 1 (33 miles)

Registration for Saturday's events can be completed onsite or online. Registration for Sunday's events must be completed online before Saturday at 5 p.m. Information on registration can be found at [www.kerrvillemountainbikefestival.com](http://www.kerrvillemountainbikefestival.com).

#### **Trail Closures at Kerrville-Schreiner Park**

The hike/bike trails at Kerrville-Schreiner Park will be closed Sunday, Oct. 24 from 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. for the racing event. Racers will be pre-riding the course on Saturday. This is a multi-use two directional trail so be aware of increased usage.

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 TX – City Hall or Instagram at cityofkerrville.

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