

Team Tacodeli FAQ's

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Q: Does it cost anything to join the team?

A: There is an \$100 team fee to help cover the cost of jerseys, t-shirts (every Team Tacodeli rider will receive one new jersey and one t-shirt, these are usually passed out approximately a two weeks before the ride) and ride weekend benefits such as having a team luggage truck, our own private tents in La Grange and College Station (food and drinks are included at both tents); a private port-o-let and hand washing station in La Grange, and private massage therapists at the team tent in La Grange (riders pay for their massage). Along with ride weekend amenities and support, team membership gains you admission to numerous Team Tacodeli MS 150 season events (e.g., the Team Mixer in January, Pre-Ride Weekend Happy Hour, and a Team Post-Ride Party).

Riders are required to raise the \$400 minimum pledge that is required of all MS 150 riders. Of course, I hope you contribute more than the minimum and help the team accomplish our team goal of raising 2 million dollars by 2021!

Q: Are there any team events?

A: Yes, there is a Team Mixer in January (Sunday, January 19th 5-7pm at Tacodeli Crestview), a Bike Clinic (Saturday, January 25th 10-11:30am at Mellow Johnny's), a fundraiser in March (Saturday, March 28th from 6-9pm at Tacodeli Crestview), team training rides from January until April, a Team Ride and Jersey Handout (Saturday, April 18th at 8am), and the team dinner the night before the ride, time and location TBD. We also have a team post-ride party at Lisa's neighborhood clubhouse and pool, Saturday, June 6th.

Check out the team website (www.teamtacodeli.org) under *Team Events* for a comprehensive list.

Q: I have seen these great Team Tacodeli jerseys out on the road. Where can I get one?

A: New jerseys can be ordered at the annual mixer on the 19th of January. Lisa will also have a few of past year's jerseys, t-shirts, socks, and koozies available for purchase as well. You can also email Lisa (Lisa@teamtacodeli.org) at any time to inquire about the merchandise and available sizes.

Q: Where can I get information about training rides?

A: Look for postings at www.teamtacodeli.org under *Team Training Rides*. Training rides are typically planned for every weekend from early February until the ride in April.

Q: I'm nervous about fundraising, does the team help with that?

A: YES!

- For every hour you (or a friend or family member) volunteer through Team Tacodeli, Lisa will donate \$20 per hour back to your fundraising at the end of the season. The donation back varies for ride weekend volunteers.
- For every person, including you, which you recruit to our March fundraiser, Lisa will donate \$25 per person back to your fundraising at the end of the season (minus the 2.85% credit card processing fee). Attendees will be asked at the door which rider they are there to support.
- For every item you donate to the Team Tacodeli silent auction in March, Lisa will donate the entire amount that item brings (minus the 2.85% credit card processing fee) back to you at the end of the season.

Q: I raised fundraising money through the team during the season, when will I see that money applied to my MS 150 account.

A: Before the first MS Society packet pick-up.

Q: What is the deal with packet and jersey pick-up?

A: There is an MS Society Packet Pick-Up **AND** a Team Tacodeli Jersey Pick-Up. **THESE ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS!**

- MS Society Packet Pick-Up: You **MUST** pick up your MS packet prior to the ride as it contains your rider number, bib, etc.
 - Austin Packet Pick-Up
 - Top Fundraiser Packet Pick-Up: Wednesday, April 22
 - General Packet Pick-Up: April 28th Alamo Drafthouse - more info coming soon
- Team Tacodeli Jersey Pick-Up: The Team Tacodeli jersey pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 18th at 8am at Lisa's Neighborhood Clubhouse. This is where riders receive their 2019 team jersey and t-shirt. If you are unable to make the event, friends or family may pick up for you. I will also have them at the pre-ride dinner the night before the ride.

Weekend of the MS 150 Ride Logistical Questions:

Q: Will there be a team start on Saturday?

A: Yes! The official Team Tacodeli start is the Austin start at the Capitol (11th and Congress). Start time is 6:45am SHARP! As a Team Tacodeli rider, please be at the start

at 6:15 am for a professional team photo in front of the Capitol. Location details to come.

Q: Where do I park my car in Austin over the weekend?

A: There is free ride weekend parking at Parking Garage A at 1401 San Jacinto Street.

Q: Will there be lunch on Day 1 and Day 2?

A: Yes! The MS Society provides lunch each day.

- Day 1:
 - Houston Route: Bellville – Bellville City Park
 - Austin Route: Buescher State Park
- Day 2: Lunch on the Shore of Lake Somerville

Service Hours: 9 am - 3 pm - Lunch & Beverages

Available Services for Riders:

- Vegetarian option available
- Bike Store Sponsors
- Restrooms and Portable Toilets
- SAG (Special Assistance Group)
- Shuttle Buses to Fayette County
- Recycle – Please Dispose of Trash and Recyclables

If you have special dietary needs, it is recommended that you pack your own lunch to meet your specific needs.

Q: What do I do with my gear on Saturday and Sunday morning?

A: Team Tacodeli will have a private luggage truck to transport your luggage from the Austin start to the tent in La Grange. On the morning of Day 2, you will drop your luggage at the MS luggage drop (approximately 75 yards from our tent). Your luggage will be waiting for you in College Station near the bike drop and shower trucks. Luggage will be organized by rider number. **MAXIMUM OF 2 PIECES OF LUGGAGE PER RIDER.**

Q: Will there be a Tacodeli Team Tent in La Grange?

A: Yes! We have two team tents in La Grange. Our tents in La Grange are big enough to accommodate a lot of riders, however, you are encouraged to purchase a twin air mattress to make room for other riders who sleep under the main tent. We will have electric air mattress pumps, so no need to pack those. An alternative to sleeping in the tent is to bring your own tent and pitching it in the area around our main tent. Or, if you'd prefer peace and quiet, there are horse stables located in the fair grounds that make for a good campsite. Some people also chose to make a reservation at a hotel or B&B nearby. Make those early as they fill up fast!

Q: Can I bring a camper to the tent site?

A: Unfortunately, there is very limited space for our team and due to the size of our team, no campers or RVs are allowed in our team area.

Q: Will there be electricity in La Grange?

A: Yes! It will be limited, however, and only powered by a generator. So, don't plan on having unlimited access as the few amps we do have will need to be shared among the whole team! No hair dryers! We will have a cell phone charging station and electric air mattress pumps.

Q: Will there be internet access in La Grange?

A: Yes, there will be free internet in La Garage provided by the MS Society. Search for Wifi signal MS 150.

Q: Will dinner be provided in La Grange?

A: Yes! Tacodeli will provide individual tacos as you come in on Day 1. Two tacos per rider please. Tacodeli also will be catering a full buffet dinner for us in the tent around 5pm (one trip only until all riders have eaten). We'll also have snacks and adult beverages. If you're still hungry, the MS Society will provide you with a BBQ chicken plate.

Q: Will there be massage therapists in La Grange?

A: Yes! There will be Team Tacodeli massage therapists provided by A Much Kneaded Massage available to you in the team tent. Cost: 15 minutes: \$20, 30 minutes: \$40, 1 hour: \$80.

Q: Will breakfast be provided Sunday morning in La Grange?

A: Yes! The MS Society provides yummy pancakes and coffee in the food hall which is not far from our tents! We will also have goodies at the tent (e.g., iced coffee, power bars, juice, bagels, muffins, fruit, etc.).

Q: What should I pack for the weekend?

A: There is a comprehensive list of stuff you'll need (and then some!). It's on the team website under Rider Resources, and Lisa will email it out prior to the ride.

Q: Should I wear the same jersey two days in a row?

A: Lots of folks do. If you wash it out in the shower and hang it out to dry it should be nice and fresh on Sunday morning. There will be detergent at the tent. You may also buy another new jersey or one from a previous year to wear one day.

Q: How does leaving La Grange on Day 2 work?

A: There will be two routes to choose from:

- **FM 2145 route**
 - Left out of Fairgrounds
 - 81 miles
 - Route passes through Waldeck & Carmine
- **Hwy 159/FM 237 route**
 - Right out of fairgrounds
 - 79 miles
 - Route passes through Oldenburg, Warrenton & Round Top

Q: Will there be a tent at the finish line?

A: Yes! Please stop by to celebrate with your fellow Tacodelians! There will be a Tacodeli buffet and adult beverages to celebrate your fantastic ride! Tacodeli food is for riders and volunteers only.

Q: Can my family come to La Grange and the finish line to cheer me on?

A: Absolutely! They will need to park off-site and take the shuttle in to the Fair Grounds in La Grange. For more information please refer to the MS150 website.

Q: Can my Mom be my personal SAG in case I get tired or need help along the route?

A: Unfortunately, no. The MS Society has asked me to stress that they don't want personal SAGs along the route. Their number one goal is to keep riders safe and the more vehicles on the road the harder it is to do this. Please trust that the MS Society has enough SAG support for us all.

Q: Where can I find maps to the start, La Grange, finish, etc?

A: Maps and all kinds of other helpful information can be found on the MS 150 website at BPMS150.net. Lisa will also be posting the maps under Rider Resources on the team website and emailing out maps and directions before the ride.

Q: Can I bring my bike to the team tent in College Station?

A: NO! There is no room for bikes at the finish tent. If you are taking the bus, put your bike on the truck upon dismounting. If you have your own ride from College Station, please leave your bike in the bike compound.

Q: Where can my friends and family park at the finish?

A:

- **West Campus Garage**
 - Access through the Walkway under Welborn
- **Cain Garage**
 - By the Conference Center
- **University Center Garage**

*All have 30-50 ADA Spots

Q: How do I get back to Austin on Sunday?

A: Riders are encouraged to take advantage of the MS 150 bus system. Go to:

<https://secure.nationalmssociety.org/site/Calendar?id=366882&view=Detail>

A bus ticket will transport you, your bike, and your luggage back to the Austin start.

Shower trucks will be at College Station so you can rinse off before getting on the bus.

Got other questions? Please email Lisa at Lisa@teamtacodeli.org.