

Team Tacodeli 2026 FAQs

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Q: How much is the MS Society registration for the ride?

A: Registration for the ride with the MS Society starts at \$100 and increases over the season. MS Society registration for the ride is different than your Team Tacodeli dues.

Q: Does it cost anything to join the team?

A: Team Dues for the 2026 Season are \$150.

- Each rider receives one free jersey and t-shirt. Additional jerseys may be purchased for \$80, \$15 for t-shirts. All riders who do not pay their dues or submit their Rider Information Form by January 14, 2026, will not be guaranteed a jersey or t-shirt in their size. Jerseys and shirts not picked up by June 1st, 2026, will be returned to the team.
- The team membership fee is to cover the cost of jerseys, t-shirts, MS 150 season team events, and ride weekend support, such as team tents, team luggage truck, team restrooms, snacks, drinks, etc.
- Additional quantities of jerseys and T-shirts, as well as past year's jerseys and t-shirts and socks can be purchased.
- 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!

Q: What perks are there to riding with Team Tacodeli?

A:

- A Team Tacodeli 2026 jersey and t-shirt.
- Trek discounts: 15% off MSRP for parts and accessories as well as 10% off MSRP on bikes.
- Day 1 lunch and dinner at team tent in La Grange. Day 2 breakfast at team tent in La Grange and lunch at team tent in College Station.
- A private coffee truck Day 1 and 2 in La Grange (unlimited free drinks to Team Tacodeli registered riders). Drinks include: Regular coffee, lattes-hot or iced, cappuccinos, cold brew, sparkling soda, hot tea options, and chai tea.
- A variety of adult libations at team tents including margaritas and New Belgium.

- Tons of snacks at team tent in La Grange.
- Numerous non-alcoholic beverage options at La Grange and College Station tents.
- Team bike racks in La Grange (there is no option to have bike racks at our team tent in College Station due to limited space).
- Invitations to all Trek bike rides (all cities) and Team Tacodeli Austin-area weekend rides.
- Private luggage truck for riders leaving from the Capital Day 1. Private luggage truck from Addicks and Royal high school. Also, Houston-area riders may drop their luggage off the week before the ride at Trek Katy.
- Dedicated Team Tacodeli massage therapists at our team tent in La Grange (riders pay for their own massages).
- Trek mechanics at team tent in La Grange.
- Private 4-stall "luxury" restroom stalls at team tent in La Grange.

Q: Are there any other requirements for riding on Team Tacodeli?

A: Yes, all riders must sign a waiver and a code of conduct (found below).

As a Team Tacodeli rider, I agree to adhere to the team's Code of Conduct. I affirm that I will maintain respect for all fellow riders, the MS Society employees and volunteers, Tacodeli employees, and Team Tacodeli volunteers. I understand that Team Tacodeli President and Captain, Lisa Steffek, can remove me from the roster at any time, with no refund of team dues, for failure to comply with this Code of Conduct.

Q: Are there any team events?

A: Yes, there are two New Year's Day Team Rides (one in Austin and one in Houston), two Team Mixers in January (one in Austin and one in Houston), two Team Bike Clinics in January (one in Austin and one in Houston), a Team Fundraiser in March (Austin only), a Team Social in March (Houston only), three Trek Bicycle Inspection Nights in March (two in Austin and one in Katy), and two Team Ride & Jersey Pick-up Parties in April (one in Austin and one in Houston). Beginning January 31, 2026, there are also weekly Team Training Rides in Austin.

Q: Where can I get information about training rides?

A: Look at the Team Training Ride page at www.teamtacodeli.org. Training rides are planned for every weekend from late January up until the ride. We will also be hosting weekday rides.

Q: Are there alternative training rides outside of Team Tacodeli?

A: Yes.

- Download the Chasing Watts app, it will tell you all training rides bicycle stores and groups are hosting near you.
- Austin Trek stores have developed an app to motivate riders and look-up Trek rides (the app is in development for other markets). Download the Trek Ride Club app to participate in cycling challenges to earn Trek discounts. To see a schedule of Trek rides near you, go to Settings (the gear button in the top right) and select "Preferred Retailer." Select the Trek store closest to you. To see Trek's scheduled rides, go back to the home screen and scroll down to "Events near me."

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

A: YES!

- For every hour you volunteer through Team Tacodeli, we donate \$20 per hour back to your fundraising at the end of the season.
- For every person, including you, which you recruit to our April fundraiser, we'll donate the entire price of admission per person back to your fundraising at the end of the season.
- Furthermore, for every item you donate to the Team Tacodeli silent auction in March, we'll donate the entire amount that item brings 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 MS Society packet pick-up.

Q: I participated in an MS Society Matching Challenge, when will I see the money reflected?

A: 3-5 business days, however, it's shown up before within a day or so.

Q: Does TeamTacodeli pick up my MS Society packet for me.

A: No, Team Tacodeli DOES NOT pick up your MS Packet for you. Your MS Packet is NOT the same as the Team Jersey Handout. Your MS Packet will

include the rider number you must put on your jersey, helmet, and bike and your MS wristband and luggage tags. You cannot do the ride without these. It will also include some swag. Anyone may pick-up your MS Packet for you, all they need is your name.

Weekend of the MS 150 Ride Logistical questions:

Q: Will there be a team start on Saturday?

A: Yes! The official team starts will be at the Texas Capitol in Austin and Addicks in Houston. Riders are welcome to start from other locations on their own.

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

A:

SATURDAY:

Team Tacodeli will have a private luggage truck to transport your luggage from the Austin 75-Mile Start to the team tent in La Grange and the Houston 96-Mile and 75-Mile Starts in Houston.

If you are starting anywhere other than Addicks, Royal High School, or the Capitol, please transport your luggage using the MS Society luggage trucks. Email me your rider number and a description of your luggage by 8pm, Friday, April 24th, and I'll ask our volunteers to look for it so it can be waiting for you at the tent in La Grange.

SUNDAY: Everyone will use the MS luggage trucks on Sunday. The luggage drop is close to our tent in La Grange. Also, the luggage drop in College Station is more convenient and closer to where you dismount than where our team luggage drop would be.

DON'T FORGET to put your MS Society luggage tags on your bags. They will be in your MS Society packet.

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 many riders, however, you are encouraged to bring a cot or twin air mattress to make room for other riders who sleep

under the main tents. A double mattress takes up two spots. We will have electric air mattress pumps, so no need to pack those.

An alternative to sleeping in the team tent is reserving a tent at Camp Outfield at Fayette County Fairgrounds for the overnight. Check out the ACC MS 150 website for details.

Or, if you'd prefer more peace and quiet, some people choose to make a reservation at a hotel or B&B nearby. Make those early, as they fill up fast!

If you are staying off-site, complimentary shuttles will be available to many nearby hotels. Check the ACC MS 150 site a week or two before the ride for the schedule.

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 at our team tent site. There are RV hookups at the fairgrounds, but this is first come first serve and only allowed to arrive on Thursday and Friday.

We will have a large tent for socializing and an extra-large tent for sleeping. Riders who wish to stay in the tent will need to bring a cot or single size air mattress to save space (a double is ok for couples). I will have electric air pumps.

Q: Will there be electricity in La Grange?

A: Yes! But, no hair dryers! We will have a cell phone charging station and electric air mattress pumps.

Q: How do I clean up after the ride Day 1?

A: The MS Society will have shower trucks at the fairgrounds in La Grange. Bring a towel, flip flops, shampoo, and soap. If you come in at "prime time" (i.e., 1-5 pm) grab a couple beers as there will be a line.

Q: Are there restrooms nearby?

A: Yes, we will have a private team 4-stall luxury restroom at the tent. The Fairground bathrooms are not too far away also.

Q: Will there be internet access in La Grange?

A: Yes, there will be free internet in La Garage provided by the MS Society.

Q: Will food be provided in La Grange Day 1?

A: Yes! Tacodeli will provide each Team Tacodeli rider with two individually wrapped tacos as you come in. Tacodeli will also be catering a full buffet dinner for us in the tent around 6pm (one plate per person). We'll also have snacks and some adult beverages. If you're still hungry, the MS Society will provide you with a BBQ chicken plate.

Q: Will breakfast be provided in La Grange Day 2?

A: Yes! Tacodeli will provide each Team Tacodeli rider with a breakfast option. Details on the type of food to come. If you're still hungry, the MS Society provides a pancake breakfast.

Q: Wow, complimentary coffee drinks, food, and alcohol Ride Weekend, how does that work?

A: When you pick up your team jersey and t-shirt in April, you'll receive a Team Tacodeli wristband. You need to wear the wristband all weekend to enjoy team amenities.

Q: I have friends and family coming to see me at the finish line, are they welcome at the team tent and can they eat and drink?

A: You are encouraged to invite your friends and family to the team tent at the finish line. Please be aware space is super limited. To be polite, please ask them to give up seats to tired riders if seats are all taken. We will be selling wristbands for friends and family ahead of the ride for a TBD price if they wish to eat at the team tent; they are welcome to drinks for free. These must be purchased at least a week before the ride for food ordering purposes.

Q: Will there be massage therapists in La Grange Day 1?

A: Yes! There will be Team Tacodeli massage therapists at our team tent. Massages are to be paid for by individual riders. Massages are \$2 a minute. The length of massages may be limited during peak times. Massages cannot be scheduled ahead of time.

AND...to help you recover, we will have an ice bath for you to soak in after the ride. Rules: To enjoy, riders must be showered, be wearing clean clothes and a bathing suit, and wearing a clean hat and socks.

Q: What if I can't ride the complete route Day 2?

A: There is a leap ahead option on Day 2. A shuttle will take cyclists and their bikes from La Grange to Burton. The ride to the finish from Burton is ~46-miles.

Q: What should I pack for the weekend?

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

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. I'll have detergent at the team tent in La Grange. You may also buy another new jersey or one from a previous year to wear one day. You can email Lisa to see if there is an older jersey for purchase in your size.

Q: Will there be a tent at the finish line Day 2?

A: Yes! Please stop by to celebrate with your fellow Tacodelians! There will catered lunch and adult beverages to celebrate your fantastic ride! Complimentary Tacodeli food is for riders and volunteers only. Your guest may purchase a food ticket ahead of ride weekend at a TBD price. One plate per rider until all riders are in.

Also, Tacodeli always waits for the last rider ("The Turtle") to come in. After the turtle crosses the finish line, every SAG and emergency vehicle that helped over the weekend come in. It is an incredibly moving experience, and I highly encourage you to stay. We always take a team photo afterward, under the finish line.

Q: Will I be able to shower in College Station before getting on the bus?

A: Yes! The MS Society provides shower trucks near the finish line and luggage pick-up area. Bring an extra towel and comfy clothes for the ride home.

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

A: Absolutely! On Day 1, they will need to park off-site at La Grange High School and take the shuttle into the fairgrounds in La Grange. On Day 2, paid parking is available around the stadium. For more information please refer to the ACC MS 150 website.

Q: How do I get home after the ride Day 2?

A: The MS Society will provide bus transportation back to your start. They transport you, your luggage, and your bike. Tickets are on sale for \$45 and increase in price closer to the ride. To purchase, go to <https://txms150teams.myshopify.com/collections/shuttles>.

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 us 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: Will the MS Society transport my bike Day 2 back to my start even if I don't purchase a bus ticket?

A: Yes.

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 Texas MS 150 website. Lisa will also be emailing out maps and directions before the ride.

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