

# Asaayi Bike Race

*Camp Asaayi Jct to Narbona Pass - Bowl Canyon Recreation Area  
Saturday, July 29 @ 8:30 a.m.*



***Yá'át'ééh, riders! Welcome to the Asaayi Bike Race!***

REGISTRATION – Online registration is now open. The registration fee includes professional timing, a performance t-shirt, light post-race food, finisher's medals to all, course support and awards to top finishers. Online registration can be found at [Run Sign Up](#). Race day registration will also take place an hour before the start of the race at Asaayi Jct.

Any proceeds from registration or donations will benefit the work of the Dine' Bike Project on the Navajo Nation.

There is a youth road race (two miles) for youth ages 12 and under.

ROUTES – The course is a 20.6 mile paved course from the Asaayi Jct to Hwy 12 just north of Navajo, on to Crystal Jct and then on NM Hwy 134 to Narbona Pass. The first portion of the route is scenic, among the red rock buttes and towers of the area, and the final climb to the top finishes at one of the iconic spots on the Nation! The road will be open to public traffic and a summer Saturday is a busy time in the Asaayi area, so please be aware of your surroundings and vehicles on the roads.

The youth race will be on the same course as the adults, going out 1 ½ miles and returning to the finish line.



*NavajoYES helps maintain Narbona Pass throughout the year; rider at the finish line*

SUPPORT – Your registration includes light medical and minor mechanical support, There will be an aid station, roughly half-way along the route, and at the finish line at Narbona Pass. There will be course marshals monitoring the race throughout, and assistance will be available as needed. Riders are encouraged to carry some light mechanical items and pump.

WEATHER – Expect summer conditions. While the race is at 7500-8000 feet elevation, the temperatures are still likely to be in the 70's and 80's. Cloud cover, wind or precipitation (even monsoons, of course) are possible in late July. It is advisable to look ahead at the forecast a few days before the race, checking Window Rock, AZ.

AWARDS – There are finisher's medals for all finishers. There will be awards for overall 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, along with youth, masters (40+), grand masters (50+) and senior (60+) age-group winners.

There will be overall winner and runner-up awards for the top boy and girl finishers in the youth race.

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*A rider approaching the summit at Narbona Pass; Code Talker John Kinsel, Sr. greeting overall winner Brandon Benally after his victory in the 2019 race; live music at Camp Asaayi*

***The Asaayi Bike Race is hosted by the nonprofit organization NavajoYES, in partnership with Navajo Parks & Recreation***

