

2026 RIDER GUIDE



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PACKET PICKUP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH
11AM - 2PM

THE CAFE @ REGROUP
1205 N. SCOTTSDALE RD.
TEMPE, AZ 85288

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH
4PM - 7PM

CHINO VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER PARK
1615 N Road One E
CHINO VALLEY, AZ 86323

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
5:30 AM - 8:15 AM

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LOCATION

CHINO VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
1615 N Road One E
CHINO VALLEY, AZ 86323

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

- 3:00 PM | VENUE OPEN FOR CAMPING
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM | RIDER CHECK-IN
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM | FOOD TRUCKS OPEN
- 4:00 PM | SELF SUPPORTED SHAKE OUT PRE-RIDE

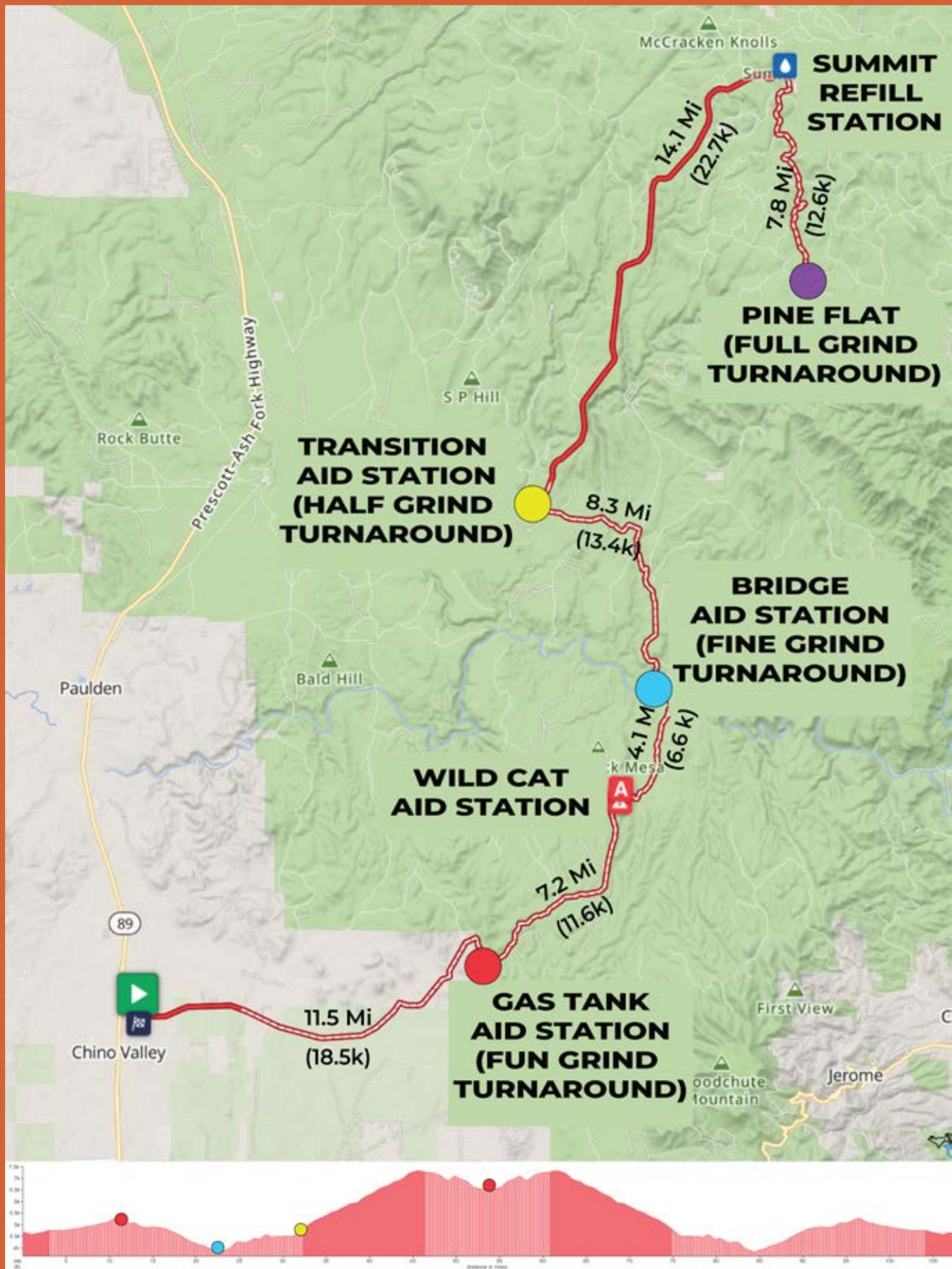
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

- 5:30 AM | COFFEE TRUCK OPEN
- 5:30 AM | PACKET PICKUP OPENS
- 6:15 AM | Deadline to drop FULL GRIND drop bags
- 6:45 AM | 107-Mi FULL GRIND START
- 7:15 AM | 63-Mi HALF GRIND START
- 7:45 AM | 45-Mi FINE GRIND START
- 8:15 AM | 23-Mi FUN GRIND START
- 10:30 AM | BEER GARDEN/FOOD TRUCKS OPEN
- 11:00 - 2:00 PM | Giveaways and Shenanigans
- 12:15 | Pine Flat Aid Station Cutoff - FULL GRIND only
- 1:30 PM | AWARDS BEGIN
- 2:30 PM | COFFEE TRUCK CLOSING
- 5:00 PM | ALL COURSES CLOSED
- 5:30 PM | FOOD TRUCKS CLOSE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

- 10:00 AM | CAMPING AREA CLOSING

COURSE MAP



AID STATIONS

GAS TANK AID STATION

11.5 Mi from Start/Finish



- Mechanical support, electrolytes, water, soda, sweet and salty snacks, fruit.
 - Fun Fact: The Velo has sponsored the Chino Grinder EVERY SINGLE YEAR the race has been in existence.
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WILDCAT REFILL STATION

18.7 Mi from Start/Finish



- Mechanical support, electrolytes, water, soda, snacks, and fruit.
 - Fun Fact: Exhale Bikes was originally called "Excellent Bikes".
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BRIDGE AID STATION

22.8 Mi from Start/Finish



(Prescott, AZ)

- Electrolytes, water, soda, sweet and salty snacks, fruit
- Fun Fact: This shop started in 1976 with just \$500, some used bike parts, and a garage with no water or gas. 50 years later, it's still family-owned!

AID STATIONS

TRANSITION AID STATION

31.5 Mi from Start/Finish



(Mesa, AZ)



(Rio Verde, AZ)

- **Mechanical support, electrolytes, water, soda, sweet and salty snacks, fruit**
 - *Fun Fact: VeloZoom has a 24hr vending machine with tubes, CO2, brake pads, and almost anything else you may need in a pinch. Both VeloZoom and Foothills Bicycle offer mobile bike servicing.*
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SUMMIT SELF-REFILL STATION

45.6 Mi from Start/Finish

- **Water and soda**
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PINE FLAT AID STATION

53.6 Mi from Start/Finish



(Flagstaff, AZ)

- **Mechanical support, electrolytes, water, soda, sweet and salty snacks, fruit**
- *Fun Fact: The iconic Absolute Bikes mural was painted by local artist and mountain bikers Lyle Motley in 2007. The mural has little hidden nuggets that you can only spot if you slow down and look.*

RACE RULES and INFORMATION

COURSE

- Riders **MUST** obey all traffic laws. While traffic will be minimal, **THIS IS NOT A CLOSED COURSE.**
- **BE AWARE and BE SAFE.**
- Riders are required to strictly obey any law enforcement persons or official event personnel. Failure to do so may result in DQ and inability to participate in future events.
- Riders **MUST** stay right of center line on all paved segments and right of center on all dirt roads.
- Passing permitted on the left only **AND** only when safe. Let the rider ahead know you are there (i.e. audibly call "ON YOUR LEFT!")
- You will encounter others (ranchers, hunters, locals, off-roaders, campers, etc.) not associated with or aware of the Chino Grinder. Share the space.
- **Don't Litter**
- Plan your needs for the day—nutrition, hydration, and bike. Aid Stations will have basic refueling needs (hydration and nutrition). However, if you have specific needs, plan to carry your supplies for the day.
- You are responsible for your mechanical needs. While there are mechanics on course, they are only at particular locations
- Riders **MAY NOT** draft E-bikes.



EQUIPMENT

- All riders **MUST** wear a helmet.
- All bikes **MUST** have functioning front and rear brakes.
- E-bikes: **ONLY** Class 1 and 3 pedal-assist e-bikes are permitted. **NO THROTTLES ALLOWED.**

NEUTRAL START

- All races will have a neutral start until riders are on Perkinsville Road.
- Riders must remain behind the lead vehicle until you reach the CHINO VALLEY HS Cheer Team at the green GO! sign.
- Failure to do so will result in rider disqualification.

OUTSIDE SUPPORT

- No outside support is permitted, by anyone, anywhere on the course.
- Aid Stations are provided for all riders. **USE THEM.**
- Neutral Mechanical Support is provided at Start/Finish and at the following Aid Stations: Gas Tank, Wildcat, Bridge, Pine Flat.

NAVIGATION

- While the course will be well marked, riders should be responsible for their navigation and staying on course. This is easily accomplished by downloading the routes from official routes posted on chinogrinder.com or from the links below.

RIDE WITH GPS LINKS

**FULL
GRIND**

**HALF
GRIND**

**FINE
GRIND**

**FUN
GRIND**

DOWNLOADABLE GPX FILES

**FULL
GRIND**

**HALF
GRIND**

**FINE
GRIND**

**FUN
GRIND**

HAM RADIO LOCATIONS

- Start/Finish
- All Aid Stations
- All Refill Stations
- Roving SAG Vehicles (look for vehicles with the OFFICIAL RACE VEHICLE designations)

MEDICAL STAFF LOCATIONS

- Start/Finish
- Gas Tank Aid Station
- Perkinsville Bridge Aid Station
- Transition Aid Station

DNF

- If you find that you cannot complete the race, we will have SAG vehicles on course to transport you to either Transition Aid Station or the Gas Tank Aid Station. From those access points, we will transport you to Start/Finish.
- We will do our best to get you back as quickly as possible, but please be patient.
- If you turn around before your designated turnaround, you MUST report to the timing booth as a DNF (Did Not Finish). Please turn around if you need to, we want you back safe, but let us know so we're not out there looking for you.

NEUTRAL BOTTLES

- For those of you in the FULL, HALF, and FINE GRINDS and riding so fast you can't stop at the aid stations to refill, there will be neutral bottles filled with water and ready to grab at the Bridge and Pine Flat Aid Stations.

AWARDS

OVERALL AWARDS

- TOP 3 M/F OVERALL in the FULL, HALF, and FINE GRINDS will receive a CHINO GRINDER podium jersey by Santini.

AGE GROUP AWARDS

- GOLD/SILVER/BRONZE Medals will be awarded to the TOP 3 M/F in each Age Group (10 year increments) in all four distances.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

BEER GARDEN

- Redeem your drink ticket for a free beer from Soul Ride Bike Shop and Taproom. Additional sales benefit Chino Valley's Sunrise Sanctuary and Rescue. So grab a brew and drink up!

FOOD TRUCKS

- Friday 4:00 - 7:00 PM | BIG H BBQ and La Piña Sabrosa
- Saturday 5:30 AM - 2:30 PM | Coffee on the Run
- Saturday 10:30 AM - 5:30 PM | La Piña Sabrosa and BIG H BBQ

VENDORS

- Make sure to check out our awesome sponsors and vendors on site: Team Charity Case, C&C Cyclery, Regroup, Cyclologic, Muc-Off, Findlay Subaru, and more.

VENUE/PARKING/CAMPING

LOCATION

CHINO VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER PARK
1615 N Road One E
CHINO VALLEY, AZ 86323



WHERE AM I?

THE COMPOUND:

Welcome to the Chino Valley Community Park! As you hang out this weekend, please feel free to utilize the onsite bathrooms, hot showers, and bike wash station amongst other amenities around the complex.

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| A Tent Camping | F Bike Wash Station |
| B Dumpster | G Bathrooms |
| C Showers & Bathrooms | H Registration/ Packet pick-up |
| D Playground | I RV camping |
| E Start/Finish Line | J Medical Tent |



PARKING

- We have plenty of parking.
- Please follow traffic signs and be respectful of others.

SHOWERS AND RESTROOMS

- Hot Showers and Restrooms in the Aquatic Center are available from Friday at 3pm until Sunday at 10am.
- Additional restrooms by the MUC-OFF bike wash station will be open on race day.
- There will be port-a-potties at all aid stations, USE THEM!

CAMPING

- Camping is available on a first come/first served basis at the Chino Valley Community Center beginning at 3pm on Friday, October 17, 2025.
- Tent camping is permitted in the northwest ball field #6.
- RV parking is available in the southern most parking lot as shown above.
- If you want to be able to take up tons of space and not hear your neighbor, additional RV camping is available at Old Home Manor Park less than two miles away on Perkinsville Road (no restrooms or potable water available at Old Home Manor Park).
- No Campfires

AREA HOTELS

- DAYS INN | 688 Fletcher Ct., Chino Valley, AZ 86323
- PRIMROSE INN & SUITES | 1304 N US HWY 89, Chino Valley, AZ 86323
- ANTELOPE HILLS INN | 6000 N State Rte 89, Prescott, AZ 86305
- NUMEROUS AIRBNB/VRBO in Prescott Valley and Prescott area.

LOCAL EATERIES

- ESSENCE KITCHEN & BAR | 1021 N State Route 89, Unit 104, Chino Valley, AZ 86323
- EL CHARRO NORTE | 2879 Arizona Trail, Chino Valley, AZ 86323
- ARTURO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT | 900 S Highway 89, Chino Valley, AZ 86323
- AROMA PIZZA | 850 S State Route 89, Chino Valley, AZ 86323

FULL GRIND - 107 MILES

SCHEDULE

- **5:30 - 6:30 AM | Rider check-in**
- **6:15 AM | Deadline to drop off drop bags/e-bike batteries (look for sign near registration)***
- **6:35 AM | Rider Meeting**
- **6:45 AM | Start**

*Drop bags/batteries must be clearly marked with your name and/or rider number and will be transported to Pine Flat Aid Station. Note: Drop bags/batteries will be returned to Start/Finish as quickly as possible but they may not arrive before 5pm. Stick around and cheer those last riders in! Shendo Cat Racing is not responsible for lost/damaged/left behind items.

CUTOFF TIMES*

- **12:15 PM | PINE FLAT AID STATION (MILE 53.5)**
- **5:00 PM | FINISH**

* SAG vehicles will transport riders who do not make the cutoff times to the start/finish. This is for your safety. Riders finishing after 5PM will not be given a finish time and will be considered a DNF.

5 AID STATIONS, 1 REFILL STATION

- **GAS TANK AID STATION (MILES 11.5 and 95.5)** Sponsored by THE VELO (Phoenix, AZ)
- **WILDCAT REFILL STATION (MILES 18.7 and 88.3)** - Sponsored by EXHALE BIKES (Phoenix, AZ)
- **BRIDGE AID STATION (MILES 22.8 and 84.2)** - Sponsored by HIGH GEAR BICYCLE COMPANY (Prescott, AZ)
- **TRANSITION AID STATION (MILES 31.5 and 75.5)** - Sponsored by VELO ZOOM (Mesa, AZ) & FOOTHILLS BICYCLE REPAIR (Rio Verde, AZ)
- **SUMMIT SELF-REFILL STATION (MILES 45.6 and 61.4)** -
- **PINE FLAT AID STATION (MILE 53.6)** - Sponsored by ABSOLUTE BIKES (Flagstaff, AZ)

FULL GRIND DUOS

**Directions to Pine Flat Aid Station from Downtown Williams:
DO NOT DRIVE ON THE COURSE!**

- Head Southeast toward S4th St
- Turn right onto S 4th St.
- Continue onto S Perkinsville Rd – 7.8 miles
- Turn left onto Fire Rd 110/E Prairie Edge Rd / White Horse Rd – 2.3 miles
- Turn right onto Fire Rd 110 – 1.8 miles
- Continue onto Forest Service Rd 147/ Fire Rd 138 – 3.3 miles
- Turn right onto Fire Rd 138 – 4 miles
- Turn right onto Forest Service Rd 105 – 1.7 miles
- Continue onto Fire Rd 354 / Pine Flat Rd.
- Arrive at Pine Flat Aid Station
- *Time from downtown Williams to Pine Flat is approximately 54 min. (21.7 mi). Approximate travel time from Chino Grinder Venue is 1h 45min (79 miles).
- Be aware that different map services can label roads differently.

CUTOFF TIMES

- 12:15 PM | PINE FLAT AID STATION (Leg 1)
- 5:00 PM | FINISH (Leg 2)



HALF GRIND - 63 MILES

SCHEDULE

- 5:30 - 7:00 AM | Rider check-in
- 7:05 AM | Rider Meeting
- 7:15 AM | Start

CUTOFF TIMES*

- 5:00 PM | FINISH

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4 AID STATIONS

- **GAS TANK AID STATION (MILES 11.5 and 51.5)** - Sponsored by THE VELO (Phoenix, AZ)
- **WILDCAT REFILL STATION (MILES 18.7 and 44.3)** - Sponsored by EXHALE BIKES (Phoenix, AZ)
- **BRIDGE AID STATION (MILES 22.8 and 40.2)** - Sponsored by HIGH GEAR BICYCLE COMPANY (Prescott, AZ)
- **TRANSITION AID STATION (MILE 31.5)** - Sponsored by VELO ZOOM (Mesa, AZ) & FOOTHILLS BICYCLE REPAIR (Rio Verde, AZ)



FINE GRIND - 45 MILES

SCHEDULE

- 5:30 - 7:30 AM | Rider check-in
- 7:35 AM | Rider Meeting
- 7:45 AM | Start

3 AID STATIONS

- **GAS TANK AID STATION (MILES 11.5 and 34.1)** - Sponsored by THE VELO (Phoenix, AZ)
- **WILDCAT REFILL STATION (MILES 18.7 and 26.9)** - Sponsored by EXHALE BIKES (Phoenix, AZ)
- **BRIDGE AID STATION (MILES 22.8)** - Sponsored by HIGH GEAR BICYCLE COMPANY (Prescott, AZ)



FUN GRIND - 23 MILES

SCHEDULE

- 5:30 - 8:00 AM | Rider check-in
- 8:05 AM | Rider Meeting
- 8:15 AM | Start

1 AID STATION

- **GAS TANK AID STATION (MILES 11.5)** - Sponsored by THE VELO (Phoenix, AZ)

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