



SIGNAL PEAK CHALLENGE "Gila Baby Heads"

**Held under USA Cycling permit
9:00 a.m. Sunday, August 14th, 2011**

**15 miles North of Silver City, New Mexico, in the Gila National Forest
This Cross-Country Mountain Bike Race is part of the 2010 New Mexico Off Road Series**

Sign up online at <http://www.tourofthegila.com/spc> before noon on Friday, August 12th, 2011 for \$25 plus fees. T shirts \$10 extra. You must buy shirts before 8/1/11.

On-site Registration (\$35) and Number Pick-Up: Saturday, 8/13, at Gila Hike and Bike, 103 E. College, Silver City, NM, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and, Sunday 8/14 at Start/Finish Line 7:15 a.m.-8:15 a.m. Race fee buys a plate at the BBQ dinner on Saturday, 7:00 p.m at the staging area. No refunds, no rain date.

Course will be flagged on Saturday, 8/14/10, for pre-riding. Course directions online. Maps of the race-course will be available at Gila Hike & Bike or online. Cat 3 course is 5 miles long, all new, easier, and distances are reasonable. Other categories do one big loop, mostly the same as the last few years, except Pro Men and Cat 1 men: you have to do one Cat 3 loop followed by a big loop shortened by having you climb up Trail 742 to the top of Signal Peak instead of the road. Crazy steep!

Mandatory Racer's Meeting at 8:50 a.m., August 14th, at the Start/Finish Line. Start at 9:00 a.m. No I-Pod use while racing. Racers who have not reached NM 15 and FR 149 by 12:00 p.m. may be directed to a short-cut and scored according to their placing at the time. Scoring will be according to these New Mexico Off Road Series Categories and Age Groups:

Pro Men	23.5 mi.	SingleSpeed Men	22.75 mi.	
Cat 1 Junior Men 13-18	23.5 mi.	Cat 2 Junior Men 13-18	22.75 mi.	Cat 3 Junior Men 13-18 15 mi.
Cat 1 Men 19-29	23.5 mi.	Cat 2 Men 19-29	22.75 mi.	Cat 3 Men 19-29 15 mi.
Cat 1 Men 30-39	23.5 mi.	Cat 2 Men 30-39	22.75 mi.	Cat 3 Men 30-39 15 mi.
Cat 1 Men 40-49	23.5 mi.	Cat 2 Men 40-49	22.75 mi.	Cat 3 Men 40-49 15 mi.
Cat 1 Men 50+	23.5 mi.	Cat 2 Men 50+	22.75 mi.	Cat 3 Men 50+ 15 mi.
Pro Women	22.75 mi.	SingleSpeed Women	16.25 mi.	
Cat 1 Junior Women 13-18	16.25 mi.	Cat 2 Junior Women 13-18	16.25 mi.	Cat 3 Junior Women 13-18 10 mi.
Cat 1 Women 19-29	22.75 mi.	Cat 2 Women 19-29	16.25 mi.	Cat 3 Women 19-29 10 mi.
Cat 1 Women 30-39	22.75 mi.	Cat 2 Women 30-39	16.25 mi.	Cat 3 Women 30-39 10 mi.
Cat 1 Women 40-49	22.75 mi.	Cat 2 Women 40-49	16.25 mi.	Cat 3 Women 40-49 10 mi.
Cat 1 Women 50+	22.75 mi.	Cat 2 Women 50+	16.25 mi.	Cat 3 Women 50+ 10 mi.

Prizes or cash for top 3 in each class. Classes will be combined and started in waves. All racers must have a valid USA Cycling license. Singlespeed, Cat. 2 and Cat. 3 racers may purchase a one-day license.

To get to the Start/Finish, head north from Silver City on NM HWY 15 for 14.5 miles (towards Gila Cliff Dwellings), turn right on onto Signal Peak Road (FR 154) and the staging area will be on your left in 100 yards. Parking will be off of Signal Peak Road, please park in pullouts to ease congestion, and there will be No-Parking zones marked off. Do Not Park on the pavement of NM 15, please.

Race Info at <http://www.tourofthegila.com/spc> or contact:
<mailto:bikeshay@msn.com> and (575) 590-8244