



To: Pedal Palacios Cyclists

From: John Harrison, Ride Director

Pedal Palacios

Welcome to Palacios! And thank you for participating in this 9th Anniversary ride of Pedal Palacios. It is the hope of the entire community that every aspect of the ride is pleasing to you. Our highest priority is your safety. We ask that you remain alert, stay hydrated and practice safety and courtesy to all. Headphones, cell phones, radios and similar radio devices are **not** permitted while riding.

NEED HELP?

If you are handling your own problem or if you need assistance, move off the road completely, be off your bike and remove your helmet. Call SAG support **361-920-3862** or signal motor cycle support or BPMS 150 Ride Marshals as they pass. Ride Marshals can help or instruct as needed. SAG (Special Assistance Group) drivers will help you or carry you to a Pit Stop for help.

HELMETS

All cyclists must wear helmets. Be sure that your helmet is fitted properly and that you are wearing it properly. Your helmet should sit horizontally on your head. Rakishly tilted helmets will NOT protect you.

COMMUNICATE WITH OTHER CYCLISTS

As you approach cyclists to pass them, loudly **call out** “on your left” so that they will move to the right and allow safe passing. **Call out** hazards to the cyclists following you. **Call out** when you are stopping or slowing. **Call out** when you are changing lanes or turning.

HOLD YOUR LINE

Ride to the right unless passing. Ride no more than 2 abreast. If you are being passed, be sure to stay to the right and don't swerve to the left. ALWAYS check behind you before moving left or right in your line of travel.

OBAY ALL TRAFFIC LAWS

Under Texas law, cyclists must obey all motor vehicle laws. There will be law enforcement officers at critical junctions to assist you. Determine for yourself that any intersection is clear before proceeding.

Please remember to always carry **identification, emergency contact information, insurance card and any important health information.**

Preview your ride! Route maps are displayed at registration areas and they are posted on the website at www.pedalpalacios.org