

Cypress SpringFest

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Cash prizes for families, kids ride free

Cash prizes for families participating in the Mount Vernon Rotary Club's fourth annual Tour de Cypress Bike Race and Tour will be given away Saturday along with prizes to the race winners. A \$100 prize will be given to the family with the most riders, and another \$50 prize will go to the family traveling the longest distance to get here. In addition, kids age 12 and under can take the Family Route free with an adult registration. The Rotary sponsored bike rides will begin at the square Saturday morning, with \$300 in

prize money for the first place finisher in the 80-mile race for men. The 80-mile race begins at 8:45 a.m. and races of 36 and 45 miles will begin at 9 a.m. The 10 mile Family Ride will begin at 9:30 a.m. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. Tour de Cypress riders are invited to attend the Heroes Barbecue Cookout at the Young Farmer Pavilion beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 13. All Franklin County emergency personnel and their spouses will be guests of the Rotary Club at this event. Entertainment

will be provided by Hannah Kirby and the Campfire Cowboys, all of Sulphur Springs. The bike riders will be supported with 10 rest stops, with two of those along the 10-mile Family Ride. Those rest stops will be manned by members of the Mount Vernon Key Club. Other rest stop sponsors include the Franklin County League of Democrats at Purley Baptist Church, ETMC-Mount Vernon, B. F. Hicks Law Office, Franklin County Republican Party, Alamo Mission Museum, Franklin County Water District and Clearwater Baptist Church. Riders will receive a T-shirt with their registration, which will be \$30 the day of the event. Rotarians will begin cooking hamburgers for the public and for bikers at the NETO Multi-Purpose (senior citizens center at aa a.m. and will serve until 2 p.m. A hamburger lunch will also be included in the registration. The website at www.tourdecypress.com has more information. Proceeds will benefit Rotary charities.

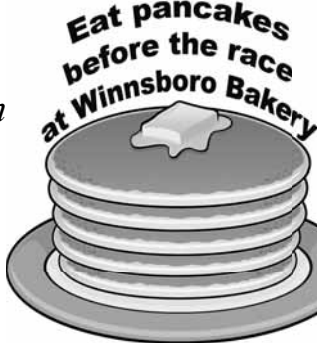


Bikers conserve energy by drafting off each other during the race as they travel the county roads.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST Saturday April 26 7-9 a.m.

\$5 for adults
\$3 for children

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