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LEADVILLE **STAGE RACE**

JULY 29-31 **ATHLETE GUIDE**



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Welcome to the 3 day Leadville Stage Race!

This Year marks the 23rd anniversary of the first Leadville Trail 100 mountain bike race. We are excited to have you join us for the second year of this challenge. Whether you go it alone or bring a couple friends, this event was created for only the most determined athletes. Racing is all about results.

Some people come here to challenge the records set in the past, others to discover where you stand in a crowd of like-minded cyclists. For most, this race is about a personal goal to finish 100 tough miles in thin air. If this is your first Leadville experience, you are in for a treat.

The finish line will be full of wonderful stories as always. Some happy tears may be shed with new friends who you will meet on your adventure up St.Kevins, Powerline and the Columbine climb. Through your journey, you will walk away from Leadville a better person. Riding up the red carpet in any Leadville Trail 100 event is special and your finish is waiting.

Commitment like this is hard to find. Thanks for riding with us in Leadville!

Josh Colley

Race Director



EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, July 29

- **7:00-8:30am Packet pickup and mandatory racer check---in** at the Lake County Rodeo Grounds located at 6th & McWethy. Photo ID required. Packets must be picked up in person and will not be given to others.
- **- 9:00am RACE START!!!** (Stage 1 finish location is Lost Canyon Road)
- **- 12:00-2:00pm** Race shuttles will be running racers back to the Rodeo Grounds if signed up.
- **4:00-6:30pm Post-race** Meal, entertainment and a daily award ceremony, location TBD.

Saturday, July 30

- **7:00-8:30am Mandatory racer check---in** at the Lost Canyon aid station
- **9:00am RACE START!!!** At Lost Canyon Road (Start and finish at the same location)
- **4:00-6:30pm Post-race** Meal, entertainment and a daily award ceremony, location TBD.

Sunday, July 31

- **6:00- 7:30am Race shuttles** picking up athletes at Lake County Rodeo Grounds for the Lost Canyon drop off.
- **7:00-8:30am Mandatory racer check---in** at the Lost Canyon aid station.
- **9:00am RACE START** at Lost Canyon.
- **11am- 3:00pm EXPO and Post---Race Party** (Lunch, music and beer) at the Lake County Rodeo Grounds
- **2:00 pm Awards ceremony.**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Your challenge remains the same difficult course that made the Leadville Trail 100 famous, but now we are spreading it over three exciting days. It's time to see what you're made of. With a stage race format, you will be able to put the hammer down even faster and bring a team if you choose. The 100 mile out-and-back course is in the midst of the Colorado Rockies. The low point of 9,200 feet is located at the Twin Lakes dam. The high point is Columbine Mine, at 12,424 feet. The majority of course is on mountainous two-track fire roads.

STAGE 1

Start at the Lake County Rodeo Grounds and **Finish** at Lost Canyon. *42 miles*

Get ready to meet St.Kevins! Within 4 miles of the stage start, you will conquer the first of two big climbs on day 1. St. Kevins will test your legs with steep rocky sections that seem to never end. After the **Carter Summit fluids only aid station at mile 10**, you can enjoy a short break on pavement around the beautiful Turquoise Lake. Next, you will head up Hagerman Pass to Sugarloaf Pass and a brief introduction to high alpine tree line at near 12,000 feet. Keep your wits because hiding just over the south side of Sugarloaf Pass is the infamous Powerline section. "Loose, steep, fast and exciting," doesn't even come close to describing these 2 miles of jaw dropping fun. Once down, enjoy the only flat paved section on the course. Make good time as you pace line around fish hatchery to the **Pipeline aid station at mile 28**. Reload for the Pipeline Road and don't forget there is a sweet singletrack waiting at the end! Only 5 miles to go now as you approach the Twin Lakes dam and cross over to enter private land and the finish line at the base of Columbine climb. New for 2016, stage 1 finish will be located on the private property near Lost Canyon road.

STAGE 2

Day2---**Start/Finish** near Lost Canyon road on private property. *16 miles*

Elevator going up! At the sound of the gun, you have 8 miles of pure climbing that will bring you to the top of the Columbine climb and the **Columbine aid station at mile 8**. Check out the views from 10,400 feet as you swing into the aid station, but don't stay too long. You still have 8 miles of white knuckled descending! Please be sure and stay to the right as you cross paths with EVERYONE in the race. Give a shout to those still climbing!

STAGE 3

Day 3--- **Start** near Lost Canyon road on private property and **Finish** at the Lake County Rodeo Grounds 42 miles

It's time to retrace your steps, literally, as you make your way back to the **Pipeline aid station at mile 13.5**. Now prepare for your trek up and over the Powerline climb. As you descend Hagerman pass, be ready for one last big effort on the paved road around Turquoise lake. Coming through **Carter Summit aid station at mile 18** means you are almost home but be sure to put the hammer down through the "Specialized split" on the Boulevard and the carbon Roval wheelset just may be yours!

COURSE MARKING

Major road intersections and the highway crossings will have local law enforcement officers present. At various course turns, volunteers will provide direction. Course markings will be chalk arrows on the ground and pink/black pin flags and flagging tape.

LT100 MTB CORRAL/START POSITIONS

As one of the most well known mountain bike races on earth, getting into the Leadville Trail 100 MTB has always been difficult. LT100 Qualifiers are long and tough, with lots of climbing. All qualifiers are similar to the classic course at Leadville in that they consist mainly of rugged jeep roads of gravel and dirt. The Leadville Stage Race event could not only gain you entry into the LT100 MTB, but it could also boost your corral starting position in the Race Across the Sky!

Riders finishing **all 3** stages in an elapsed time of:

< 7 hours = **GOLD**

< 7.5= **SILVER**

< 8= **RED**

< 8.5= **GREEN**

< 9.5= **PURPLE**

< 10= **ORANGE**

< 10.5= **BLUE**

Please be sure and email Along@lifetimefitness.com with your corral time!

DAILY PRESENTATION

Day 1 and 2 at the post-race dinner (location TBD) and Day 3 at the Rodeo Grounds, we will announce the daily stage winners and present the stage jerseys from VOLER. Winners of the incredible sponsor product giveaways and random drawings will also be revealed at this time.

Stage 1: Winners of the random drawings for SRAM Guide brakes and Stages Power meters.

Stage 2: Winner LAUF fork competition for fastest ascent up the Columbine climb.

Stage 3: Winners of the GU variety packs: fastest male and female to the top of Powerline and 8 more given in random drawings. Also, one Specialized Roval Carbon wheelset in a random drawing and another for the fastest racer up the Boulevard challenge section.

AWARDS CEREMONY

The awards ceremony will be held at 2pm on Sunday at the Lake County Rodeo Grounds. All awards and branded finisher belts will be presented at this time and must be picked up in person.



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TRASH AND RECYCLING

Our races are Zero Waste events. Look for recycle and compost bins at every aid station and start/finish. Please discard any trash in an appropriate container. Intentional littering on the course will be grounds for disqualification. The course is held on trails both public and private, travels past many historic sites and through areas of exceptional beauty. Help us keep them pristine.

We will be recycling all plastic, aluminum and cardboard during these races, and all our events. We'll take care of this at the aid stations. At the start/finish, please ensure you place trash or recyclable materials in the appropriate containers, which will be well marked.

CREW INFORMATION

It's great to see you! Crews and spectators are treated and appreciated equally with the participants and are included in the Leadville Race Series family. Crew pets must be leashed and under control at all times. Crews are welcome at all aid stations except the turnaround. No crew bikes, please. Crews should allow adequate time to park and walk to aid stations. Crew vehicles are not allowed on any dirt road sections of the course. Riders are responsible for the actions of their crews. Crews and spectators will not be allowed to access the base of Powerline or obstruct the junction of the paved road and jeep road where riders leave Powerline to head for Pipeline.

Crews will certainly want to be at the 9 a.m. starts to assist their riders with any last-second needs and cheer them on at the sound of the starting gun. Getting to Pipeline, crews should proceed south on Hwy 24 approximately 3 miles, then west on Hwy 300 for a little less than a mile to CR 11/CR 11A "Y" intersection. Follow the slow sweeping right turn on the pavement, uphill and west, onto the gravel road that goes through the gravel pit area. Riders will be on paved CR11, the same road as crews for about a mile, so please

drive slowly and use every caution on this stretch of road. Please allow your rider to clear this checkpoint before crewing.

Crews should then proceed back to Hwy 24 to Granite. Turn right (West) just past the Granite store. Follow this dirt road to the marked crew area and the Lost Canyon START/FINISH area.

Volunteers will direct the parking. This area gets very congested, so we ask your help and patience, and that you follow the instructions of the traffic control volunteers without question. Another way to access this crew area is to take: Hwy. 24, then south 11 miles. Turn west on Hwy. 82 for approximately 1/2 mile then left over the cattle guard toward the Lost Canyon(base of Columbine Climb) aid station

There may be some riders without a crew who would appreciate your help. Remember, you may help a rider with any need, except that the riders must carry their own tools and personally perform all repairs or adjustments to their mountain bike. Crews may furnish the replacement parts.

Absolutely *No* crewing or spectating at the Twin Lakes Dam!

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