

Hello Missouri NICA Community!

Welcome to our first *Single Track Times* of 2021! We could not be more excited to kick this year off. This issue includes more specifics on everything new coming our way for the second year of NICA here in Missouri. Despite the unusual circumstances of our inaugural season, 2021 promises more practices, more events, and more racing - anything and everything we may have missed out on before. Get excited MO NICA Community! We have so much more coming this year and can't wait to share it all with you. Thanks for returning for round two!



Calling All Coaches!

This season, we are so excited to welcome our returning coaches and staff, alongside anyone new joining our community this year. Our coaches and staff are directly responsible for the experience of our student-athletes, and we pride ourselves on great connections

and fun. This year, one of our major goals is to establish more teams throughout Missouri as a whole. We're specifically looking to develop teams in communities such as Rolla, Sedalia, Lebanon, Marshall, Chillicothe, Washington, Ironton, Hannibal; and expansion into Illinois such as the community of Chester. Our kids in these areas would be so excited to have an amazing group of people to share their love of bikes with!

In addition to taking on new teams and coaches, the Missouri league has a few open race staff positions to fill. These roles are perfect for parents and volunteers who will be attending our fall events and looking to be more involved. The time commitment required of these positions minimal, and no prior experience is needed. MO NICA will provide any needed training, provide free league swag, and provide an amazing opportunity to assist with our league's goal to get #morekidsonbikes! These positions are vital to the success of our league, and we greatly appreciate any current or future volunteers and their dedication to our student athletes.

Below is a list of currently available positions. We staff two or more people in each role so as to not stretch the bandwidth of any of our volunteers.

- Teen
Trail
Corps
Coordinator
(1)
- Medical
Coordinator
(1)
- Chief
of
Scoring
(1)
- Volunteer
Coordinators
(1-
2)
- Registration
Manager
(1)
- Race
Announcers
(1-
2)
- Weather
Managers
(1-
2)
- Parking
Managers
(1-
2)
- Merchandise
Managers
(1-
2)
- Pit
Zone
Managers
(1-
2)
- Photographers
and
Videographers
(2-
3)

If you're interested in one of the above positions, assisting in team development and coaching, or just getting involved in the Missouri League; contact our League Director Chris Mileski at chris@missourimtb.org. YOU might be the missing piece to help us grow youth mountain biking in Missouri (and Illinois)!

Looking Forward

Included below is a tentative schedule for our 2021 spring and fall seasons. Watch for updates on our [Facebook page](#), future newsletters, and other MO NICA resources for updates and changes. Get stoked and save the dates!



- **03/01/21:**
The
Pit
Zone
will
open
for
Team
and
Coach
Registration
- **03/15/21:**
Student
Athlete
Registration
begins
- **04/01/21:**
Pre-
season
team
activities
will
begin
- **04/17-
18/21:**
Coach
and
Leadership
Summit
(TBD)
- **05/15-
16/21:**
NICA
Race
Training
Weekend
at
Broemmelsiek
Park
in
Defiance,

- MO
- **06/26-27/21:**
MO/AR
Adventure
Weekend
in
Neosho
or
Springfield,
MO
- **07/01/21:**
Regular
season
team
training
will
begin
- **08/28/21**
-
08/29/21:
Race
Weekend
#1
will
take
place
at
Indian
Camp
Creek
Park
in
Foristell,
MO
- **09/18/21**
-
09/19/21:
Race
Weekend
#2
will
take
place
at
Truman
Lake
Mountain
Bike
Park
in
Warsaw,
MO
- **10/02/21**

- **10/03/21:**
Race
Weekend
#3
will
take
place
at
Two
Rivers
Mountain
Bike
Park
in
Nixa,
MO
- **10/23/21**
-
10/24/21:
Race
Weekend
#4
will
take
place
at
Hodge
Park
in
Kansas
City,
MO
- **10/30/21**
-
10/31/21:
Race
Weekend
#5
will
take
place
at
Binder
Lake
in
Jefferson
City,
MO

All race dates, locations, and venues are subject to change.

A Warm Welcome to Our First Illinois Team!

Missouri NICA is excited to begin 2021 by welcoming our first Illinois team! The Metro East Composite Phoenix will be directed by Brianna Overbey and coached by Justin Allen. The Phoenix are based out of Edwardsville, Illinois. What an exciting way to begin the new year! We can't wait to see all the mountain bike goodness you'll create in the Metro East. Good luck on your first season!

A huge thank you to our new and returning sponsors for the 2021 Missouri NICA season (see below). We appreciate your dedication and support of our goal to get #morekids on bikes in Missouri! Thanks to our readers for tuning into the first issue of 2021. We at the the MICL cannot wait for the season to start!

**Catch you on the trails,
The Missouri NICA Team**



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