## **EVENT POLICIES 2022**

The 45<sup>th</sup> Assaults on Mt Mitchell presented by Spartanburg Regional Health System will have a 5:30pm event stop time.

All cyclist must be on the Blue Ridge Parkway by 2:30pm All cyclist must be at the Mt Mitchell Parkway (rest stop #9) by 4:00pm All riders must cross the finish line by 5:30pm

All riders not at the aforementioned checkpoints or finish line by times notes will be picked up by an official event vehicle along the course and driven to the finish line or back to Marion.

Registration includes busing from Mt Mitchell to The Tom Johnson Rally Park Pavilion, lunch and an event t-shirt. All Mt. Mitchell finishers are required to hand over their bike for truck transport off the mountain and riders themselves will be transported off the mountain on activity buses to The Tom Johnson Pavilion in Marion, NC. If a rider purchased a direct bus ticket from Mitchell to Spartanburg, their bikes should be delivered to the Auditorium for pick up.

## No Dogs

To protect our cyclists, no pets are allowed. Pets will not be allowed at the start line in Spartanburg, the finish lines in Marion and Mt. Mitchell or on any event buses. Service animals specifically trained to aid a person with a disability are the **only** exception.

## **Absolutely No Personal SAGS**

In 2020, all those parked along the route in undesignated spectator areas will be turned away and reported by ride officials, police, state park and parkway officials. Those with SAGS on the course will be immediately disqualified from the ride, not given a finishing time and removed from the finishers list. These riders will also be banned from future rides to Mt Mitchell OR Marion.

In order to keep the course and specifically the riders safe, and to avoid traffic concerns, family/friends/personal SAGS are not allowed to follow riders. The <u>spectators' guide</u> contains information about how you can intersect with and cheer on your rider at key points along the course! There will be a zero-tolerance policy for any cyclist who has a non-official car supporting them during the ride. If a rider needs help many volunteer techs, SAGS, and Marshals will be on the course to offer assistance.

Finally, family/friends/personal SAGS cannot drive to the Mt. Mitchell finish line

or be parked along the route leading from the Parkway entrance to Mt. Mitchell State Park. This is a policy set forth by the Blue Ridge Parkway and Mt. Mitchel State Park that we MUST adhere to. If you would like to see your rider finish at the top of Mt. Mitchell, you will need to purchase a \$15 spectator bus ticket which will take them from Marion to the top of Mt. Mitchell. Spectator tickets and additional meal tickets can be purchased online during registration, at Packet Pick-Up on Sunday or Monday at The Tom Johnson Rally Park Pavilion in Marion.