



USA Cycling European U23 and Junior X-C Mountain Bike Race Camps

In an effort to extend international development opportunities to a larger number of our best young US Mountain Bikers, USA Cycling will organize three Cross-Country Mountain Bike Development Camps in Kirchzarten, Germany for the spring/summer of 2010. These camps will be based in the Black Forest of Germany with each camp extending over two race weekends. Riders who are eager to improve through international competition are encouraged to use these camps as a primary development tool.

Camp Dates

- **May 26th-June 7th will support U23 Men riders only**
- **June 9th-June 21st will support Junior 17-18 Men riders only**
- **June 23rd-July 5th will support both U25 Women riders only**

**The exact race schedule for each trip will be finalized by April 2010.

Financial Responsibility

- 2009 Cross Country Mountain Bike U23 Men & Women National Champions and 2009 Cross Country Mountain Bike Junior Men & Women category 1, 17-18 age group National Champions will only be required to pay for their round-trip airfare to Europe.
- Any rider who qualified for automatic nomination to the 2008 Mountain Bike World Championships will only be required to pay for their round-trip airfare to Europe. This only applies to riders who qualify for the same age category at the 2010 Development Camp as they raced in 2009.
- Riders who attended the MTB European Race Camp in 2009 will be required to pay for their round-trip airfare as well as a \$400.00 camp fee.
- All other attending riders will be required to pay for their round-trip airfare as well as a \$700.00 camp fee.

Selection

- All interested riders should petition for a specific camp using the European MTB Race Camp petition form which can be found by following this link:
<http://www.usacycling.org/forms/mtb/EuroU23JuniorMTB-RaceCamp-Petition.doc>

This form should be emailed directly to Marc Gullickson at mgullickson@usacycling.org on or before the **petition deadline date of April 5th, 2010**.

- Riders will be selected based on past international and domestic race results.

Camp Goals

- Provide high level European race experience for our countries best young mountain bike racers.
- Offer an alternative to using the World Championships as a development tool. The World Championships should be viewed as a secondary goal after a rider has performed successfully at one of the Mountain Bike Development Camps. Of course any rider who meets the published World Championship automatic selection criteria will be selected for the World Championship Team.
- Give riders an opportunity to experience high level international competition in a supportive team atmosphere in advance of their participation in top tier events such as the World Championships.

Looking Ahead

- In 2011 our goal will be to offer even more opportunities for U23 and Junior riders to race and train in Europe.
- Riders interested in attending 2011 European Mountain Bike Race Camps should strive to attain top results in the Mountain Bike National Championships as well as USAC Pro XCT events. A calendar of these events can be found on the USA Cycling website or by following this link http://www.usacycling.org/forms/mbnc/MTBNatzCalendar_XC.pdf These events will be used as the main selection events for the 2011 Camps as well as International results.