

# Flight of the Pigs 2007

12<sup>th</sup> Annual

Friday, November 23, 6:30am

## Who are the Pigs?

Anyone who attempts this holiday endurance ride. The ride is long and includes some of the most challenging trails around. It is a fun group ride and we will try not to leave anyone behind. However, there will be a time cut-off early in the ride. You must be able to ride from Pima Canyon parking lot to Buena Vista parking lot in less than 1-hour. Riders failing to meet this requirement are expected to abandon their flight, but are always welcome to try again next year. If you participate, strive to finish the ride in its entirety. Due to its difficulty, beginners should not participate.

## When and Where:

The day after Thanksgiving (Friday, November 23).

Meet at 6:30 AM at the Pima Canyon parking lot near 48<sup>th</sup> St. and Guadalupe. The ride will last all day. Do not plan to do anything else that day.

## Registration:

Complete and send this form along with a \$25 (\$30 if received after Nov. 12) contribution for lunch and awards to:

Jim Wilcox  
4829 E. Pearce Rd.  
Phoenix, AZ 85044

There is a rider limit. Register early. Entries received after November 12 add \$5 slacker fee. Check in at the start with your bike and gear when you are ready to ride.

## What to bring:

Lots of water and food. Interesting food preferred for bartering.

Spare tubes, tools, pump, first aid kit, lube, etc.

Money for snacks, drinks, and trail-side wagers.

Lights suggested, especially a rear blinky.

This ride is unsupported except for lunch. You are responsible for anything you will need, even in an emergency.

Ringing cell phones are subject to rock damage.



## The Pig says:

- Pre-registration is mandatory.
- Note the start and finish location.
- Time cut will be enforced.
- Earn your wings.
- Post-ride food and drink provided this year.
- Oink!

## The Flight Plan:

Ride as a group to the Pima Canyon Trail Head. Take the dirt road to National Trail. Ride National Trail or Mormon/National all the way to its end at San Juan. Regroup and ride northwest to the Western Canal. Follow the canal to 7th Ave near Baseline Rd. Go north on 7th Ave to McDowell Rd. Go east on McDowell to Zoë's Kitchen (on the right). Zoë's Kitchen will provide lunch to registered riders and volunteers.

After lunch, ride Trail 100 to its end at Tatum Blvd. Regroup, then go south on Tatum to McDonald Dr, west on McDonald to 44th St, south on 44th St past Camelback Rd to the Arizona Canal. Go east along the canal to the Old Crosscut Canal at 48th St. Follow the canal south to McDowell Rd, then go east on McDowell to 52nd St. Go south on 52nd St until you reach the Papago Park entrance on the left. Ride trails where possible through Papago Park, passing by the amphitheatre, and then cross Galvin Parkway. Go by Hole in the Rock on its north side, then down to the Phoenix Zoo. Ride up to and around Hunt's Tomb (the pyramid) and then stop to regroup one last time. Ride trails to Mill Avenue and then take the southbound bridge across Tempe Town Lake. Ride back to Ahwatukee and end at Jim's house (see map). Here we will give out awards and celebrate. Food and beverages will be provided at the finish.

**Ride Length:** Approximately 70 miles, more than half on dirt. Don't expect to finish before dark.

**Disclaimer:** This document is to aid in the congregation of riders interested in a long ride as described above. It is not intended to portray the ride as a formal or organized event. You are not obligated to participate or to finish if you do participate. Consider the ride to be the same as if you were riding alone or with friends. You and only you are responsible for your safety. The route is very technical and dangerous. It is not appropriate for beginners. Do not ride terrain that is beyond your ability to ride safely. You will ride in remote areas that have limited access. You will also be on public roads with traffic. You are responsible for riding safely. You may be seriously injured or die. No emergency support is provided nor should it be expected. You may not hold anyone else responsible for your actions, conduct, safety, or happiness.

I have read and understood this document in its entirety.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

