



Dear Family and Friends,

As you know, Eagle High Mountain Bike Team's 2019 season has started and we're enjoying our 5th exciting season. We have three awesome races under our belts and are looking forward to two more. We have a 72 member team full of exceptional young student-athletes who are having fun, getting fit, and becoming better riders in a safe environment, all the while enjoying the outdoor playground that Idaho has to offer. More importantly, they are developing NICA's core principles of building strong body, mind and character through our equal and inclusive scholastic-based program. In essence, we are a youth development organization using a bike as a tool. Last year, our team raised \$5850 and from that effort, we were able to provide every student-athlete with a team jersey this season.

The coaches and volunteers know that being a member of the Eagle High Mountain Bike Team helps the kids develop the aforementioned principles and they generously give their time because they've seen the positive effects it has. Unfortunately, it takes more than time and dedication to run a team and we're asking for financial help. Starting September 21st, we're kicking off our annual Eagle High Mountain Bike Team fundraiser. Our campaign will run for two weeks until October 5th. The money received will help this year's team and hopefully future years to meet the ever-growing expenses. Some of the major team expenses for the 2019 season are shown below:

Team Equipment and Supplies	\$650.00	Coaches shirts	\$1840.00
Team Operating Costs	\$700.00	Loaner Bike maintenance	\$650.00
Coach Development	\$1000.00	Trailer storage	\$1418.00
Race day Food, Supplies, Fuel	\$3,500.00	Reserves (5%)	\$488.00
		Total	\$10,246

We are asking that each student-athlete raise \$110.00 as a minimum towards this year's goal; however, we encourage them to continue their fundraising efforts once they've exceeded this amount.

Rather than utilizing external fundraising platforms, we feel it is best to have the student-athletes reach out directly to family, friends, and businesses for donations and talk about the team, relate their positive team experiences, and briefly describe how the money is spent. We encourage riders to print out and provide copies of this letter when requesting donations. Donations can be accepted in person (checks made payable to Eagle High Mountain Bike Team), or we have the option to accept donations directly through our website <http://eaglehighmtb.org/donate/>.

In addition to being able to directly donate to the team, our website offers a ton of great team information. Donations in any amount can be made anonymously or in a student athlete's name. The site is securely hosted by PayPal and we do pay a nominal fee of 2.2% + \$0.30 for this service but we feel the convenience is worth it. We are a non-profit and recognized by the IRS as a 501 (c)(3) public charity (EIN #82-1186689). Please note that this fundraiser will run from September 21st to October 5th, 2019 but donations can be made at any time.

Thank you for your help in making this another successful season for the Eagle High Mountain Bike Team!

Sincerely,

Heidi Hopkins, Team Director

Lee Scott, Head Coach