



The Georgia Interscholastic Cycling League

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## **Athens/Barrow County Students Compete at 2016 High School Mountain Bike State Championships this Sunday**

**The Georgia Peach State Championship Race to be Held this Sunday, November 6th at Dauset Trails in Jackson, GA Beginning at 10AM.**

**Atlanta, GA - For Release –November 3, 2016** – Students from the Athens Area Composite and Apalachee High School Mountain Biking Teams will join close to 400 other middle and high school students from the Georgia Interscholastic Cycling League (GA League) to celebrate their 3rd season with the 2016 Georgia Peach State Championship Race this Sunday, November 6th at Dauset Trails, located at 360 Mount Vernon Church Rd. Jackson, Georgia 30233. The High School Girls will line up for a 10AM start, with Middle School Boys and Girls following at 12PM. The High School Boys will take off at 1:00PM. The Championship Series awards ceremony will take place immediately following the Individual and Team Race awards.

The Blankets Creek East Composite team is looking for their first Series Team Championship, after taking the top spot on the podium for the 4 previous races. But, the Johnson High School Team, and last year's Series Team Champion, Hall County Prima Tappa, are right on their wheels, hoping to ride their way to the top spot in the final race! Varsity racers, Molly Hayes (Johnson High School Team) and Gabriel Mendez (Independent Riders), are both currently in the lead for their respective Female and Male categories, and both riding to take Back-to-Back Individual Series Championships. For a complete list of current individual and team results from the Georgia Interscholastic Cycling League 2016 season, log on to: <http://georgiamtb.org/events/2016-results/>.

Sunday's events will also feature the GA League Final Showdown Grill-Off Contest! Grillers will show off their culinary skills in hopes to win Maxxis Tires, Camelback Hydration Packs and other great prizes, courtesy of the GA League's generous sponsors!

The Georgia League, a mountain biking league for middle and high school students, was recognized in June as one of the fastest growing leagues in the Southeast by its umbrella organization, the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA). NICA also recognized the GA League for leading the way in female student and adult recruitment through its [Crank Sisters](#) program. The GA League began its season on September 11<sup>th</sup> by doubling its participation numbers for the second season in a row. Over 400 registered student-athletes, 150 coaches, and 30 teams from across the state, and 2 in South Carolina, are participating in the 2016 season.

The Georgia League is a 501c3 nonprofit organization currently operating under the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) umbrella, providing exclusive mountain biking programs for middle and high students. The Georgia League is one of nineteen leagues in eighteen states overseen by NICA, established in 2009, with over 10,000 student-athletes and 3,700 licensed coaches participating across the nation. The Georgia League is open to all Georgia students, regardless of ability, believing that cycling is about lifelong health, not just today's win. Scholarships and loaner bikes are available to students in need. For more information about starting a team in your area, League Sponsorship or Volunteer information, or for more information on the Georgia League, visit [www.georgiamtb.org](http://www.georgiamtb.org) or connect with them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/georgiamtb>, on Twitter at [@gamtbleague](#), or on Instagram at [georgiamtbleague](#).

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