

Mick Wolf, the owner of Hike, Bike and Run in Payson, has secured a visit of two International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) Trail Crews to Payson on the weekend of February 14-15<sup>th</sup>. The main goals of their visit will be to 1) instruct attendees on the proper way to construct and maintain trails; 2) to promote non-motorized trails in the area; 3) to assist with a local trail-building project.

For more information on this chance to obtain current training and instruction on trail-building from professionals, refer to the attached agenda below. If you would like to sign up for the weekend work crew and/or training, please email Mick Wolf : [shop@hikebikeandrun.com](mailto:shop@hikebikeandrun.com)

## Payson IMBA Trail Crew Weekend Agenda

### Thursday February 12<sup>th</sup>

- **8:00 a.m.** IMBA crew meets at Hike, Bike, & Run to discuss the Payson trail scene. We may drive over and check out a local trail area at this time so the IMBA crew can get an idea for where Payson is in regards to its trails.
- **9:45 a.m.** The IMBA crew will head over to the Payson Police Department for a meeting with select Town Officials on how bringing non-motorized singletrack style trails can benefit the town in regards to a better lifestyle, more tourism, more economic revenue, and how Payson has all the ingredients to become a world class outdoor recreation destination. This meeting is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. We can go to lunch after the meeting is over.
- **2:00 p.m.** The afternoon can be spent doing some riding on local Payson area trails to get a feel for what condition our current trails are in. We can plan a 2-3 hour ride if need be, and we hope to have some local mountain bikers act as ambassadors to take the IMBA crew riding.

### Friday February 13<sup>th</sup>

- This will be a fairly relaxed day. We will plan a ride or two to check out more of our local trails. We will also go out and check out the area we plan to do the trail project on.
- **6:00 p.m.** We will have an IMBA social at the Casino restaurant and bar for anyone who would like to join us for dinner and drinks to have a good night out while talking trails, mountain biking, outdoor recreation, traveling, etc.

### Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup>

- **8:00 a.m.** The IMBA crew will meet at Hike, Bike, & Run/Tiny's Restaurant to start the set-up on the morning trail building class. The class will be across the street at Tiny's Restaurant in one of their conference rooms. Breakfast will be available for a charge to anyone who wishes to order from the Tiny's menu. We will arrange in advance for Tiny's to supply free coffee, tea, water, etc. We are still working out the details on lunch, but folks can expect to budget around 10-dollars per person for lunch. IMBA asks that no one attend the actual trail project if they do not attend the class, so this trail building class is the most important aspect of the weekend.
- **8:30 a.m.** The trail building class will officially begin. The class will last til approximately 12:00 noon.
- **12:00 p.m.** A simple but free brown bag lunch will be served at Tiny's Restaurant. Folks can order off the menu for a charge if they so desire.
- **12:45 p.m.** We will leave Tiny's to drive down to where the trail project will begin. Everyone is responsible for bringing his or her own trail tools, but we will try and get the Town of Payson and the Forest Service to loan us additional tools. We are trying to get official Forest Service approval to host the trail project on the Boulder's North Trail at Granite Dells. We will be addressing soil erosion problems that persist on the trail, how we can better design future trails to minimize erosion due to the topography of the Payson region, and how we can use the terrain to better suit our trail needs. The trail project will last til approximately 5:00 p.m. We will do a short mountain bike ride on the Boulder's and Monument Peak loops after the trail project is over. Bring your gear and be ready to ride from the parking lot.

## **Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup>**

- **11:00 a.m.** We will meet at Fireside Café for an IMBA group mountain bike ride. Folks can grab a quick coffee or snack at Fireside before the ride begins. We will ride from Fireside and head out to ride any of the local trails around Payson. This can be a 2-4 hour ride as need be. We will finish the ride back at Fireside Café. The IMBA weekend will officially be over with an ice cream from Scoops which is directly next to Fireside.

**As of Tuesday January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 we are still working out the logistics of the IMBA weekend with the Forest Service. If by chance the Forest Service changes the locale of our trail project, or if Tiny's Restaurant becomes unavailable, we will notify you of the changes made. We do need everyone attending the IMBA weekend to either RSVP Mick Wolf at Hike, Bike, & Run or Mary McMullen with the Payson Parks and Rec Department. You can contact Mick Wolf at 928-478-6918 or email him at [shop@hikebikeandrun.com](mailto:shop@hikebikeandrun.com). You can contact Mary McMullen at 928-474-5242 ext. 358 or email her at [mmcmullen@ci.payson.az.us](mailto:mmcmullen@ci.payson.az.us).**