

# Counting Coup

**Starting Location: Black Star Canyon Road**  
**End at Trabuco Creek Road and Trabuco Canyon Road**  
**Post-event staging area O'Neill Regional Park**

**Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
Event day packet pickup: **4:30 AM**  
Check-in: **5:15 AM**  
Start: **5:30 AM**

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION: 44+- miles, 8,000+- ft. elevation gain**

The ride will begin from the end of Blackstar Canyon Road at 5:30 AM. You will ride up Blackstar Canyon Road to the Main Divide Road. At this point you will follow the Main Divide Road to the Silverado Trail (Motorway). You will ride down the Silverado Trail to the Aid Station. After leaving the Aid Station you will go up Maple Springs Road to the Main Divide Road. You will ride up to Santiago Peak and down to the Holy Jim Trail Head on the Main Divide. You will then go down the Holy Jim Trail to the finish line at the intersection of Trabuco Creek Road and Trabuco Canyon Road.

**NOTE: You must make sure the Aid Station records your number before continuing on.**

## **CUT OFF TIMES**

**The first cut off time is 9:30 a.m. at Aid Station #1 at the bottom of the Silverado Trail and Maple Springs. The second cutoff time is 11:30 a.m. at the Main Divide and Maple Springs Road.** Those not reaching Aid Station #1 by 9:30 A.M. must return to staging area by shuttle. If you do not make the cutoff times and refuse to return to the staging area you have violated the terms of your participation and the Warrior's Society will no longer responsible for your safety. Your emergency contact will be called and notified that they will be assuming all responsibility your safety.

## **TERRAIN DESCRIPTION**

**Remember the fire roads and trails are still open to vehicles and hikers during the event, also expect the fire roads and single track trails to be rutted and in bad condition if we have a rainy winter. There may also be snow on the course. If you are unfamiliar with the area please use extreme caution). For a more detailed description of the trails, refer to Randy Vogels book, "Mountain Biking in Orange County California."**

1. Blackstar Canyon Road to the top of the Silverado Motorway – dirt fire road with many steep climbs.
2. Silverado Motorway to Aid Station – downhill, technical single track.
3. Aid Station to Santiago Peak – almost all uphill climbing on some pavement with stream crossings then dirt fire road.
4. Santiago Peak to the Holy Jim Trail – steep, technical, downhill dirt fire road.
5. Holy Jim Trail to Aid Station #2 – downhill, technical single track with stream crossings.
6. Holy Jim Trail to finish line - 4 mostly flat miles on a dirt road to the finish line at Trabuco Creek Road and Trabuco Canyon Road east of O'Neill Regional Park. You will then ride approximately ¾ of a mile back to the staging area at O'Neill Park

## **WARNING**

**Control your speed on the Holy Jim, Trabuco Canyon and Trabuco Creek Trails and ride down in a safe manner. Hikers and bikers will be on this trail and you will be responsible for harm caused to yourself and others. Course Marshals will penalize unsafe riders.**

**Note: Use extreme caution when riding across the stream crossings, they can be slippery and have potholes in them which could result in injury if ridden into.**

Water, hydration mix, Energy Bars, Bananas and oranges will be provided at each Aid Station.