

## Air Academy Mountain Bike Team Flies High in Leadville and is featured in the Colorado Springs Gazette for Trail Work.

The Air Academy MTB Team traveled to Leadville, CO the weekend of September 10<sup>th</sup> for the second of four races in the Colorado High School Crystal Regional Series. The high-altitude course didn't disappoint and AAHS rocked it.



*AAHS Mountain Bike Team Leadville 2022*

This high-altitude course includes a mix of singletrack, doubletrack, and dirt roads that include portions of the [Colorado Mountain College](#) Leadville cross-country trail system and Lake County trails maintained by the [Cloud City Wheelers](#). Each lap is a 6.2-mile loop with 620 feet of climbing that starts and ends at the Colorado Mountain College. The JV, Sophomore, and Freshmen ride two laps, while varsity ride Three. As AAHS has no varsity this year, all riders raced two laps.



*Freshmen Boys "Dig Deep!" Fist Bump Before Heading to Staging*

First off were the freshmen boys. AAHS had six racers in a field of 66. All six AAHS students place in the top 20 led by Ben (Zim) Reichart and Jacob Webber finishing 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respectively. Jack Falender, in his first race, starting from 55<sup>th</sup> position followed in 8<sup>th</sup>, with Cooper Markley and Keenan Swanson finishing within seconds of each other at 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. The freshmen boys started AAHS off on a very positive note that lasted throughout the day!



*Jacob Weber Attacking the First Climb*



*Keenan Swanson Ripping the Single Track*



*Sophomore Boys Ready to Rip!*

The sophomore boys were up next with Trevor Kornmesser leading the way in 4<sup>th</sup> place in a field of 88. Keegan Hale made the top 20 at 13<sup>th</sup> with Lawrence (Eli) Rawe coming in at 22<sup>nd</sup>. Boaz (Bo) Galliard came in right behind Eli at 27<sup>th</sup>. Simeon Scheid, Braun Deighton, and Aslan Rivenburg completed the two laps in 54, 56, and 79<sup>th</sup> place. Braun and Aslan improved over the first race moving up from their starting positions of 60 and 81.



*Keegan Hale First Lap on his way to a Top 20 Finish*

Varsity boys and girls were next however AAHS received no points as we have no racers in these categories.



*JV Boys Start with JT and Reed*

The JV boys made up for it with Austin Leigh, a freshman starting in 97<sup>th</sup> position passing 96 racers to finish in second place overall! Reed McAfee and JT Graybeal rounded out the top 10 with 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> places in a field of 109. Carson Pevoteaux had his best race ever, finishing 30<sup>th</sup> while Eli Considine finished just behind him at 36<sup>th</sup>. Isaak Sanders and Cian Greer finished their first ever race in 70<sup>th</sup> and 96<sup>th</sup> place respectively.



*Austin Enjoying the Ride*



*Reed on His way to 9<sup>th</sup> Place*



*JV Girls Start with Avery Harris Near the Front*

JV Girls were next with Sophomore Avery Harris riding away the field of 48 to finish solo in first place. Raegan Agrimson, after a month off the bike due to injury, starting in 28<sup>th</sup> position, battled her way to third place in a spectacular come back.



*Averly Harris on Her Way to Solo Victory*



*Raegan Agrimson Heading out on Second Lap*

The last race of the day included our only freshman girl, Kylie Moerk. This was an incredibly exciting race as Kylie and the then points leader from Colorado Rocky Mountain High School battled it out wheel to wheel with Kylie making the winning move at the end of the second lap.



*Kylie Moerk Wheel to Wheel in Battle for 1st Place*



*And Kylie Takes the Win!*

At the end of the day, AAHS earned another podium spot with a team second place finish. Colorado Rocky Mountain High School was first while Manitou High School took the third step. The team is working hard to prepare for our next race in Snowmass. Snowmass is a pure climber's course and will be very challenging.



*Colorado High School League Crystal Region Division 2*

Finally, the Air Academy MTB Club was featured in the Colorado Springs Gazette this past week for joining the Friends of Ute Valley to help with much needed trail work in Ute Park. The link to the article: [https://gazette.com/colorado-trails/photos-air-academy-mountain-bike-team-joins-volunteers-at-ute-valley-park/collection\\_49f4a880-2f9d-11ed-b759-d768aed5f7e2.html#1](https://gazette.com/colorado-trails/photos-air-academy-mountain-bike-team-joins-volunteers-at-ute-valley-park/collection_49f4a880-2f9d-11ed-b759-d768aed5f7e2.html#1)

Congratulations Team!