Overview

The USA Cycling Cyclocross National Development Camp is a high-level skills and educational camp designed to provide a fun learning and growth opportunity for the top development riders in the US. USA Cycling will invite five athletes from each development category (Jr Men, Jr Women, U23 Men, U23 Women), and provide them with an opportunity explore their potential in this sport.

The camp program will span five days from Monday, Oct 7th to Friday, Oct 11th, and will comprise of cyclocross skills training rides, classroom presentations, athletic development coaching, fun team-building activities and community engagement.

This camp is fully supported while in Bentonville by USA Cycling, the MudFund, the Rapha Foundation and Visit Bentonville. Athletes are responsible for their travel to and from the camp.

The purpose of this camp is to prepare these athletes to have the best possible success in their cycling careers. With the Cyclocross World Championships being held in the United States in just two short years, there is no better time to invest in the growth of our cyclocross athletes.

The content of this camp is designed to help these young men and women grow both as athletes and as individuals. Many of life’s crucial skillsets can be learned through sports, and,
when adapted the right way, these skills can help athletes reach their potential while inspiring everyone around them.

This camp also indicates the turn to a new direction for the USA Cycling Cyclocross Development Program. We are dedicated to providing the best opportunities for our athletes to succeed, and immersing them in an environment of experienced experts who are passionate about the athletes’ success is the best way to prepare them to be champions in the future.

Expert line-up

Skills instruction will be led by masters’ Pan Am and former National Cyclocross Champion, Matt Timmerman, who is also a suspension engineer with a background in motocross and mountain bike racing.

Athletic development will be coached by Mike “Bing” Bingaman, currently on staff with US Ski and Snowboard and experienced in coaching top-level athletes of various disciplines, including cyclocross.

Sports psychology, competing with integrity and athlete advocacy discussions will be led by Kelsey Erickson, USA Cycling’s SafeSport Director and Antidoping Lead.

Discussing community-building, performance-based identity and emotional well-being will be Adam Saban and Drew Dillman from Athletes in Action.

Race-day planning, nutrition and training skills will be led by Crystal Anthony, professional cyclocross and mountain bike racer and coach.

Skills training and mechanical support will be offered by Craig Wohlschlaeger, experienced enduro racer with a background in road, cyclocross and mountain bike.

Marketing, building a brand and the transition to European racing will be presented by Jeremy Powers, GCN content creator and multi-time US Cyclocross National Champion.

Dedicated mechanical support will be covered by Myron Billy, one of the most decorated mechanics in the US off-road scene.

Logistical support is provided by Aimee Ross of Bike Bentonville (www.visitbentonville.com/bike)

The camp will be led and managed by Jesse Anthony, the USA Cycling Cyclocross Manager.

Invitation
Athletes will be invited to the camp based on performance in high-level national and international cyclocross competition, trajectory in the sport, potential shown in other cycling disciplines, character, attitude and ambition. Athletes interested in attending the Cyclocross Development camp should contact the Cyclocross Manager at Cyclocross@USACycling.org.

Visit Bentonville and the community in Northwest Arkansas is very excited to host USA Cycling’s Cyclocross Development Camp as we take this step toward preparing for the Fayetteville 2022 UCI Cyclocross World Championships. They are investing deeply in their cycling culture, and there is no more inviting place to ride bikes in the US.