



ALKEK JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT TEAM

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

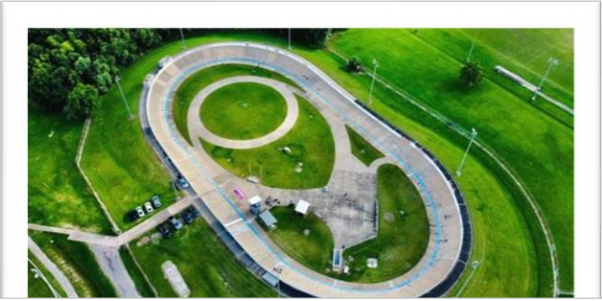
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Alkek Junior Team is the only Youth Cycling organization in the State of Texas committed to track cycling. While track cycling is our main focus, we also support Juniors in all disciplines of cycling including, eSport, road, cross, gravel and MTB.

While cycling can be a very expensive sport, we thrive to keep the cost as low as possible for the junior riders, to do this we rely on donations and fundraising efforts.

It has been almost a year since the Alkek Junior Team hosted our 2022 fundraising Lap-A-Thon which was our main source of funds for this year.

For all the sponsors of last years lap-a-thon and potential new sponsors we have put together this “Year In Review” to show what we have accomplished over the year and how we spend the money we raised to keep the sport affordable.



2022 Lap-A-Thon

Last years Lap-A-Thon event was a great success both in terms of the event itself and the funds raised. We had a fun kids race, tacos sponsored by Tacos A Go Go, a beer tent from The Phoenix and authentic Danish pancakes. Including the sales of food the event raised a total of \$15904.87, thanks to all who participated and donated and special thanks to our company sponsors that made a big impact to our funds.

- HPI Energy Services – Sponsored a Super Sunday Event (\$1000)
- Ohms Electrical Services – Sponsored a Disc Wheel (\$1000)
- Sound Lab Designs (\$1000)
- Bech Engineering (\$500)
- M&M Service (\$250)
- HPI LLC (\$250)

Also Special thanks to Kimberly Johnson for a \$2000 donation to Coach Carl



Alkek Velodrome

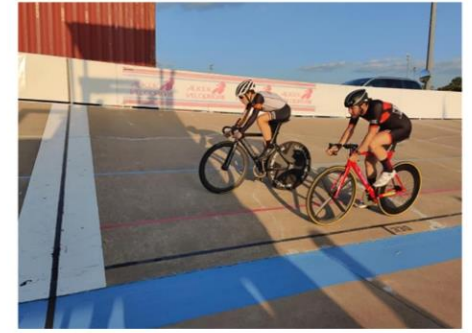
The heart and soul of the team is training and racing at the Alkek Velodrome. We are extremely lucky to have a great trainer in Coach Carl, who very deservedly was elected [2022 Junior Coach of the year](#) by USA Cycling.

Throughout the year we have had almost 2 weekly training sessions and Tuesday races from early spring until late summer, the heat has been brutal this year and it didn't help that we lost the lights and had to start racing earlier than usual.

The junior boys have moved up to race the elite men this year and the girls have been racing the men's B field. The younger "Thundercats" have been racing their own U13 races where we have had some good racing from everybody.

We had 3 weeks of Lawson Craddock Youth Cycling League Camps this year, was a bit unusual as we had 1 week during spring break and the last 2 in the summer break. The LCYCL is a good way to introduce new young riders to the track and a good opportunity for the older riders to pass on their knowledge and skills to the next generation.

Out of the funds raised during the Lap-A-Thon \$3750 was used to cover member fees for 15 Juniors. The member dues help the track run throughout the year and allows the riders to train and race for free.



Road Races



Early in the year the team went to a couple of Road Races showing up strong at Cedar Hill & Lago Vista. Sebastian, Seth and Dalton took a podium sweep in the Time Trial and Tegan won all the races for U15 Girls at Cedar Hill.

At Lago Vista, Tegan won the day 1 Race, Sebastian took 2nd on day 1, a win on day 2 and the overall win, Dalton got on the podium for both days with 3rd places and also netted him 3rd overall.

At the Criterium State Championships Ryan, Monica and Tegan won State championships in their age groups Melanie picked up a 3rd place as well.

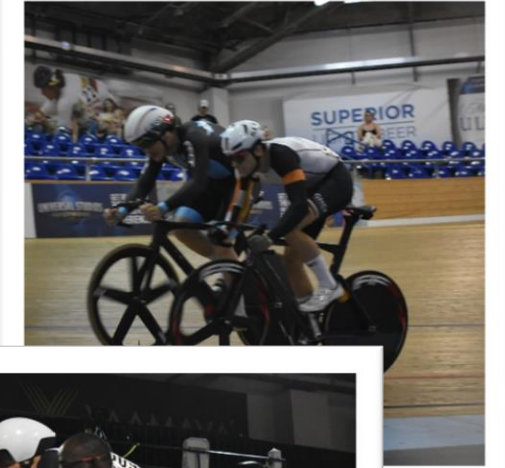


Track Nationals

As a track team our main target for each year is to put together a strong team for USA Cycling Track Nationals. This year the championship was held in LA and the wooden 250m track was a new experience for most of the riders. This year we had 8 racers competing and unlike last year where almost all racing was in one day, all but Addison and Tegan got to race throughout the whole week.

Day 1 - Sprints and International Omnium, Isaiah and Elijah qualified in 13th and 10th place but got eliminated in the first round. John made it to the quarter finals facing Grayson Hauck who had qualified in the fastest time, John put up some fantastic sprints but lost on the line in 2 very close races. Sebastian raced all day and ended up in 10th place for the IO.

Day 2 - Individual Pursuit and Keirin, In the IP Dalton(16) and Sebastian(10) both set strong personal best times. John raced very well in the Keirin and got 4th in the final, just inches away from the podium.



Track Nationals

Day 3 - TT and Scratch Race, In the TT we had Gabi(10), Isaiah(19), Dalton(18), Elijah(14) and Sebastian(13) represented. In the scratch race Sebastian got 8th

Day 4 was the big omnium day with Tegan(7) and Addison(3) having 3 races each, Gabi(7) 4 races, and since the boys 15-16 field was too big for the track Elijah(17) and Dalton(20) had to do qualification races ending up doing 8 races each. Big congratulations to Addison for picking 4 bronze medals one for each race and one for the overall omnium.

Day 5 Was the day of team events, Sebastian and Elijah teamed up with a couple of strong riders from California for the team pursuit, they ended up 4th, 4 seconds behind 3rd place.

With the funds we had left we had enough to cover all the race entries \$2090 and \$300 for each rider to ease the cost of travel to LA and accommodation for the week.



Seth travels the world

We were going to make an out of state section for all the adventures our riders have had to big events outside of Texas, but other than an attempted trip to South Carolina for Tegan, Gabi and Sebastian that got washed away by the rain the big adventures have come from Seth

Being a UK citizen Seth doesn't get a lot of love from USA Cycling and he was not allowed to race at the US Track nationals. Instead, he did some amazing racing at the UK track Nationals, USAC track racing at T-Town and the Tour of Somerville, providing the high-level competition needed for continued development.

Hopefully, his green card will go through in time for him to be able to go to US track nationals next year as a very strong addition to the team .



New Cycling Kits

During the winter Tegan and Annette worked on a new design for our race kits. With the new kit the Alkek Junior team stands out wherever we go for racing and riding.

The money raised in our fundraiser helped reducing the cost for the Juniors who raised over 500\$ by getting 1 free kit each. In total 1926.10\$ was spent on new kits.



New Equipment

As many of our juniors were ageing into the 16-17 age group for the 23 season we knew we needed new equipment to stay competitive, one of our main goals for last years fundraiser was to raise money for disc wheels for those in need. Looking for good deals on used equipment we found 4 high quality wheels to add to the one we already had. In total \$3450 Was spent on 4 Disc Wheels and new narrow handlebars



Junior Team Fundraising Roster

The following riders have signed up for this years Lap-A-Thon on Oct 21st, so let us all support them and help meet their fundraising goals. Clicking on their names will take you to their personal fundraising page, or you can donate to the [Junior Race Team](#)

- [Isaiah Mendoza](#)
- [Sebastian Bech](#)
- [Dalton Copeland](#)
- [Seth Holland](#)
- [Elijah Allison](#)
- [Dane Priem](#)
- [Gabi StClair](#)
- [Tegan Morgan](#)
- [Addison Blumenthal](#)
- [Le Chew](#)
- [Ryan Kegel](#)
- [Zoe Kegel](#)
- [Mia Kegel](#)
- [Haddon Wood](#)
- [Audrey Wood](#)
- [Charlotte Wood](#)