

Tierra Bella 2022 Wrap-up  
Chitactac-Adams Rest Stop

**Friday at the church:** Arrived at a little after 1pm to find all the food and equipment was ready for loading. Dzung was already gone, so I took a chance on which truck was mine :-). My volunteers completed inventory and loading in 1.5 hour. The front parking lot and courtyard seemed to work out ok from our perspective, though it would have been nice to have a hand truck rather than the flat dolly that I brought.

**Saturday at the rest stop:** I had originally specified that the shift was 9a-4:30p, but I emailed all my volunteers a couple of days beforehand and told them to arrive at 9:30am. When I arrived at the park around 9:15, a few volunteers were already there as well as a park ranger. The ranger indicated that he was told the park would be closed for the day (which was news to me) and he locked the pit toilets, closed one half of the gate and left. This actually worked out great as I was worried about the small space that we had. Having access to water made our jobs so much easier! There was lots of shade available in the park, so we didn't bother putting up the canopy, we just used the pop ups that we had (and let the bike mechanics use one of those).

Published rest stop hours: 11:15a - 4:30p

First rider: 10:15a (we were still setting up, but there was water available)

Last rider: who knows? at around 4:20 or so, a SAG driver told us that there were 21 riders still on their way. We started breaking things down at 4:30, but left some food and water out until 5pm when the sag folks said the course was closed. The riders who came in during that time were very grateful and my volunteers were reluctant to get packing knowing people were still out there. We started loading the truck around 5 and I left the park at 5:30 and headed to Gav. Peak time: Hard to say, it was pretty steady from about 11:30 to 3, but somewhere between 12:30 and 2pm.

I ordered too much food - we didn't run out of anything. Patty tried to get me to reduce some things, but I was freaked out that we had all the riders (though some of them skipped our stop). If the course stays the same for next year, I would drastically reduce the number of food items and the amount. There would be no items requiring prep (there were very few this year). That way, we would also reduce the amount of equipment we need and the set up and tear down effort.

The health inspector arrived around 1:30. She found the following:

- Handwash water was about 97deg - supposed to be between 100-108 - she said it was close enough.
- Chlorine was way too high at 200ppm. I didn't have (or couldn't find) a measuring spoon or test strips, so there was no way to measure what I had. She let me correct it.
- Though she didn't write me up for it, she notice that I had scented bleach. The requirement is for unscented (no additives).

**Recommendations:**

1. Do like the route sheets say and strictly observe the rest stop operating hours. *Rest Stop captain and crew*
2. Investigate insulated containers for the hand washing station. Since we don't know when the inspector will arrive, it's hard to maintain a constant temperature. Could we use the igloos? The DEH requirement is an insulated container with a spigot that can lock. Our current containers aren't insulated, but have a locking spigot. The igloos are insulated but don't have a locking spigot. *Logistics*

3. Provide ph test strips and a measuring spoon. *Logistics*
4. Drastically reduce the food items offered and the amount of each item. This last rest stop should be minimally provisioned. *Rest stop captain, Food, Logistics*
5. Make sure the county knows that we expect the park to be closed to the public on ride day (this was the case this year and it was appreciated). *Permits*
6. Clearly mark gluten-free foods. *Rest stop captain*