

March 16, 2009

Dear friend of Camp Akita,

Our ninth annual Bike-A-Thon in support of Camp Akita will take place as follows:

Northern Illinois
Great Western Trail,
St. Charles, IL
July 26, 2009
Registration: 8:00 am
Ride Begins: 9:00 am

Southern Illinois
Tunnel Hill State Trail,
Vienna, IL
April 5, 2009
Registration: 8:00 am
Ride Begins 9:00 am

As you know, the Bike-A-Thon is a fundraising event to benefit Camp Akita's development. More specifically, the intent is to help raise money for new cabins to be built at Camp Akita which will enable growth in capacity for the summer camp ministries program and also the year round availability to our constituents and friends.

There are costs to run this event and to help subsidize these costs there is a registration fee of \$25 that will go to cover these expenses.

To be successful each rider should seek sponsorships from friends, family, and business associates. All sponsorship funds must be turned in when you register on the day of the ride or mail it to the Youth Ministries office prior to the event.

Can't do 50 miles? That's okay. Sponsorship is for participation in the event and is not based on number of miles ridden. You will not have to go back to your sponsor with the number of miles you have ridden as you will ask for the sponsorship up front. Sponsor gifts are tax deductible. You will want to include a correct address so a receipt can be mailed to your sponsor. There is a sheet of suggested e-mail messages encouraging friends to participate in the event. All forms/posters/inserts, etc.... are available online at www.campakita.com

Everyone is encouraged to participate... by riding, running, walking, or as a volunteer. A registration form for volunteers is also attached.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Youth Ministries Office if you have any questions about this event.

Believing is worthwhile! \o/

Pr. Art Preuss
Illinois Conference Youth Ministries Director