

# The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Britton Fund Ride

## April 27, 2026 | Oakhurst, California

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### Frequently Asked Questions!

#### What is the Ride about?

- The Ride is a day-long cycling experience that raises funds to support tree research, education, and community outreach for WCISA members and tree enthusiasts. The event serves as the opening activity for the **WCISA's 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference and Trade Show**.
- Our goal is to recruit 40 cyclists, raise \$25,000, and increase awareness for the importance of tree care.
- We will ride two routes: a 36- and 66-mile option to accommodate different levels of cycling experience and interests. Beginning at an elevation of 2,276 feet, moderate training will be a must to really enjoy the day.
- We will travel on beautiful roads around Bass Lake and into the surrounding forest above on quiet, country roads. We will stop at a local elementary school to meet students and celebrate a short tree-planting ceremony lead by the Tree Circus.

#### Where can I find the Sponsorship Form?

- Find this form on **The Britton Fund** website.
- Deadline to sign up: **February 15, 2026** to ensure your logo is on the jersey.

#### Where can I find the Cyclist Volunteer Registration Form and Release Waiver?

- Find these forms on **The Britton Fund** website.
- Deadline to sign up: **April 15, 2026**.
  - Sign up early! We need **jersey orders by March 6** to guarantee your correct size.

#### Where can I find the Safety and Gear (SAG) Volunteer and Event Volunteer Form and Release Waiver?

- Find these forms on **The Britton Fund** website.
- Deadline to sign up: **April 15, 2026**.

#### Where do I make a pledge to support a cyclist?

- Make a donation at **JustGiving.com**
- Deadline to give: **April 27, 2026** is the date of the Ride. **August 31, 2026** is the last day to fulfill a pledge for a cyclist or to make a general donation for the event.

### **As a cyclist, what is included in my \$125.00 registration fee?**

- Cyclists receive an event jersey, dinner the evening before the Ride, refreshment stops, and lunch on the day of the Ride. Breakfast before the Ride is on your own.
- You will order your event jersey through your **Cyclist Volunteer Registration Form**. To guarantee your size, also order your jersey with Doug Anderson by **March 6, 2026**. Email: [doug@andersonstreecare.com](mailto:doug@andersonstreecare.com).
- Lodging in Oakhurst is at the cyclist's expense. A recommendation for lodging will be posted soon.

### **How do I start fundraising?**

- After you submit your **Cyclist Volunteer Registration Form and Release Waiver**, create your fundraising page on [JustGiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com).
  - Add photos, email to your contacts, share on social media.
  - Your fundraising goal is \$650 or more. Consider how many donations you will need to reach this amount.
  - Ask your contacts to make a specific gift amount to support you.

### **Is there an orientation the day before the Ride?**

- Yes! A **MANDATORY** orientation and complimentary dinner for cyclists, Support and Gear teams, and other volunteers will be held on the night before the Ride, **Sunday, April 26**. Location to be announced and posted on [The Britton Fund](https://www.thebrittonfund.com) website. Plan to arrive early enough to check into your hotel, get your bike ready for the next day, and arrive for the orientation by **5:00 PM**.
- At dinner we will have a safety talk, an overview of the routes and stops, distribute jerseys, and meet other cyclists.

### **Can I bring a guest to the orientation dinner?**

- Yes! Please be prepared to pay for the guest dinner and notify Doug Anderson by **Saturday, April 18, 2026**. [doug@andersonstreecare.com](mailto:doug@andersonstreecare.com)

### **What is the day of the Ride like?**

- Eat your breakfast, fill your water bottles, air up your bike tires, and find your riding buddies.
- We will meet up and ride out from the town of Oakhurst, 15 miles west of Tenaya Lodge near the south entrance to Yosemite National Park.
- Bring your bike and supplies to the designated area (to be determined) at the time announced at the cyclist briefing the prior evening.
- There will be a **mandatory cyclist briefing about 15 minutes prior to rollout** which will cover what to expect during the day including a review of the weather and road conditions, safety issues, stops, and events.
- We will make last-minute bike inspections and take a group photo.
- We will identify the Support and Gear Vehicles and volunteers.
- We will roll out as a group.

- The Ride will include refreshment breaks. During the morning Ride, we will stop at an elementary school to participate in a tree-planting ceremony lead by the Tree Circus. After the school event, cyclists may choose to return to their hotel. Cyclists on the longer route will continue on until the lunch stop. The afternoon Ride will include an additional one or two refreshment breaks.
- Bring an **identification card** with you while riding.
- Bring a **credit card or debit card**.
- Bring your **emergency contact information**, especially if you have medical issues or directives.
- Bring a **cell phone** and never ride alone.

#### **What are the stops?**

- An elementary school visit with a tree-planting ceremony lead by the Tree Circus. Details are in development and will be posted on [The Britton Fund](#) website.
- Refreshment, bathroom breaks, and lunch. Final routes are still in development and will be announced at the orientation scheduled for the evening before the Ride.

#### **What else will happen during the day?**

- Towards the end of the day, the Support and Gear Vehicles will follow any cyclists who may still be on the road to ensure that everyone returns to the conference hotel safely and in time for the WCISA Conference Opening Reception with Exhibitors.

#### **How do I stay informed about Ride details and any changes to plans?**

- The latest event information will be posted on [The Britton Fund](#) website. You may also email Doug Anderson: [doug@andersonstreecare.com](mailto:doug@andersonstreecare.com)
- To support the Ride experience, we will communicate via the mandatory cyclist briefings (night before the Ride and the morning briefing before the Ride).
- During the dinner orientation, we will discuss how to share information through Ride with GPS, Strava, and Garmin uploads.

#### **What if I can't ride the entire route?**

- We have Support and Gear Vehicles available to transport cyclists as needed due to mechanical problems or fatigue. If you need help, they will be close by.

#### **What can I expect from the volunteer mechanics?**

- The Ride mechanics can handle just about any repair. Help will be available, but you may have to wait a bit for it. You are responsible for the cost of items needed to repair your bike. Please remember:
  - Being able to fix a flat yourself will get you back on the road faster.
  - If you are shipping your bike, knowing how to assemble/break down your bike will make your life easier.

### Can I rent a bike for the Ride?

- Yes, you can rent a bike. Please follow this link from the [National Park Service](#) for more information. **Call early** about availability and reservations.

### Helpful reminders for a good experience.

- Train on the bike you will be riding. If you are concerned about bike fit and your riding position, get advice from a cycling coach, bike shop professional, or knowledgeable cyclist before the event.
- Participate in weekend group rides to become comfortable with other wheels just inches away. Group rides tend to be fast too, which is good training.
- Get comfortable eating on long rides. You'll need to consume roughly 250-300 calories per hour, which will help ensure all-day energy. Drink at least 24 ounces an hour (one water bottle) to stay hydrated.
- Don't forget speed. Training rides should include some rolling hills to sprint up, some escapes from farm dogs, and some fast tailwind stretches to help you turn a big gear. Making these surges, rather than always riding at a constant pace, will help raise your fitness and cruising speed.
- **Reminder - some self-support is always required! Bring your ID, credit or debit card, and emergency contact info on all rides!**



Do you have other questions or concerns? We want to hear from you!

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