

Take The Ride

1. Fill out the form below or contact the camp with that information
2. Register for the Iron Horse Bicycle Classic at www.ironhorsebicycleclassic.com. Be sure to register by March as this event does fill up. You will need to choose one of three categories: McDonald's Citizen Tour (\$75 registration fee), Quarter Horse to Purgatory (\$50 registration fee), and Durango Coca-Cola Road Race (\$75 registration fee. Plus if you are not a USCF member, you will need to buy a one day license for \$10 when you pick up your bib # the day before the race.)
3. Request funds for camp scholarships
4. Bike - You will need a bike that has at least 15 speeds and an approved helmet. If you ride in the Road Race, you must have a road bike.
5. Train - If you are planning to ride the total distance, it is important that you are in good physical condition as you will ride over two 11,000 foot passes. It will be tough for the "ol' bod to find enough oxygen if you are coming from sea level. As with any exercise program, be sure to first check with your doctor.
6. 'Take the Ride' - The ride will be challenging, but will be one of the best rides of your life. Remember, you can always ride at your own pace.



Register To Take The Ride

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Jersey size: S M L XL XXL

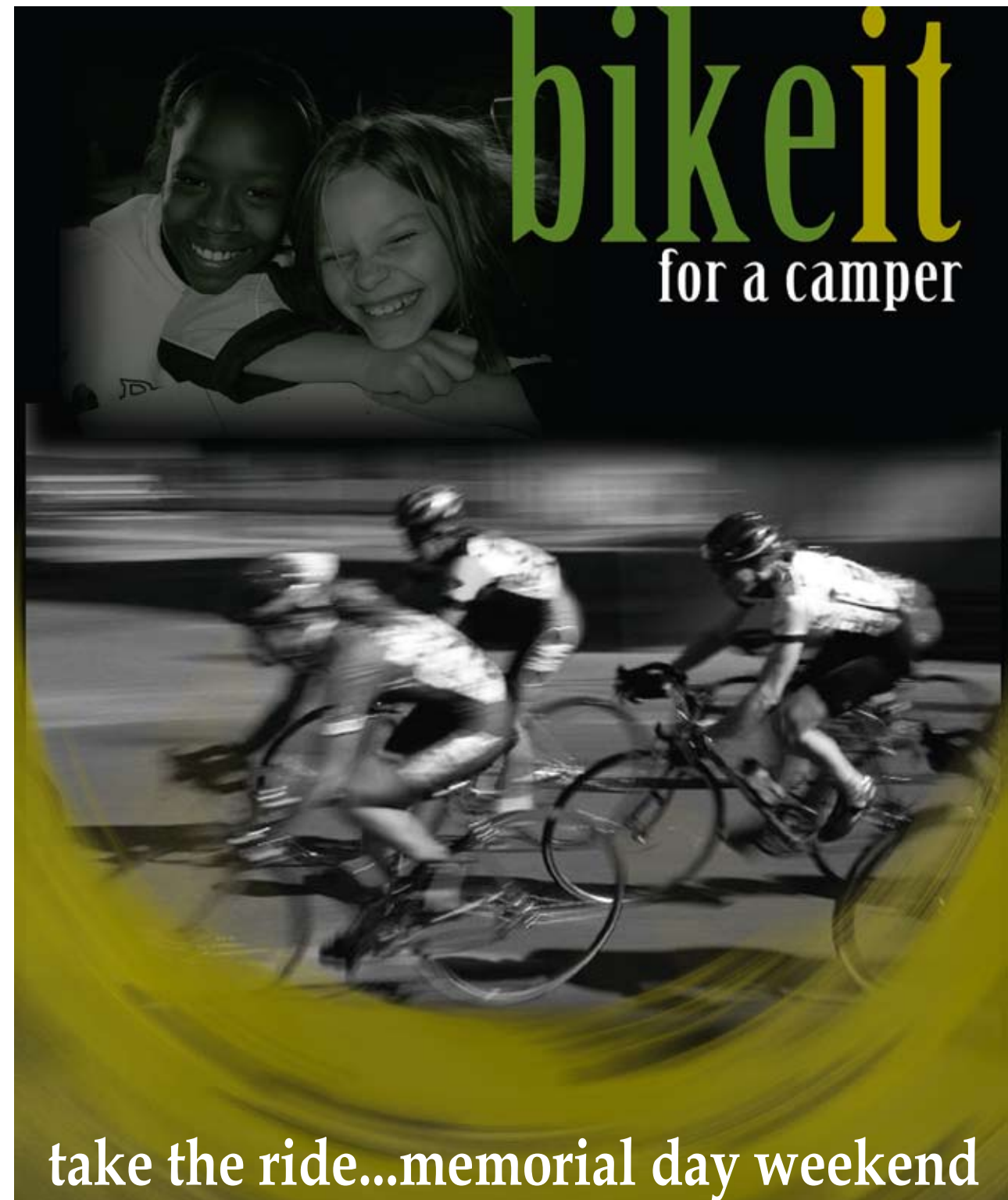
I will be riding in _____Coca-Cola Racing Division _____Citizens Division _____Quater Horse

Will you need lodging at the camp? _____

Who will be coming with you? _____

In which cabin would you like to stay? _____

Arrival date and time _____ Departure date and time _____



The Camp

You can help low-income children attend camp this summer by riding in Cross Bar X Youth Ranch's Bike It For A Camper. Cross Bar X is a specialized adventure camp that provides a personalized camp experience for kids from inner city churches, group homes, social service agencies, and Christian organizations. Many of these kids have a life changing experience by the power of the Gospel. These kids are only able to come to camp by the generous help of volunteers and supporters. Please visit our web site at www.crossbarx.org for more information about the camp.



The Ride

We put together a team of riders to ride in Durango's annual Iron Horse Bicycle Classic on Memorial Day weekend. Cross Bar X recruits about 20 riders, the Iron Horse Event attracts about 1000 riders. The spectacular ride through the San Juan Mountains is a 50 mile ride that starts in Durango. There are incredible vistas as you climb 5,500 feet and scale two 11,000 foot mountain passes. The Iron Horse started out of a race from Durango to Silverton with bikes versus the Durango Narrow Gauge Railroad, which is a steam powered locomotive. Riders feel the thrill of descending into Silverton and looking to see if the train is there yet.

You will need to register with the Iron Horse Bicycle Classic for one of three events: McDonald's Citizen Tour (50 mile tour from Durango to Silverton), Durango Coca-Cola Road Race (This is a 47 mile race to Silverton. You will need to check on the different divisions. You will also need to have a license which can be purchased for \$10 the day before the event), and The Quarter Horse to Purgatory (This is a 25 mile ride to Durango Mountain Resort with a 2,300 feet of climbing. It is recommended for those who do not want to ride the whole way to Silverton.)

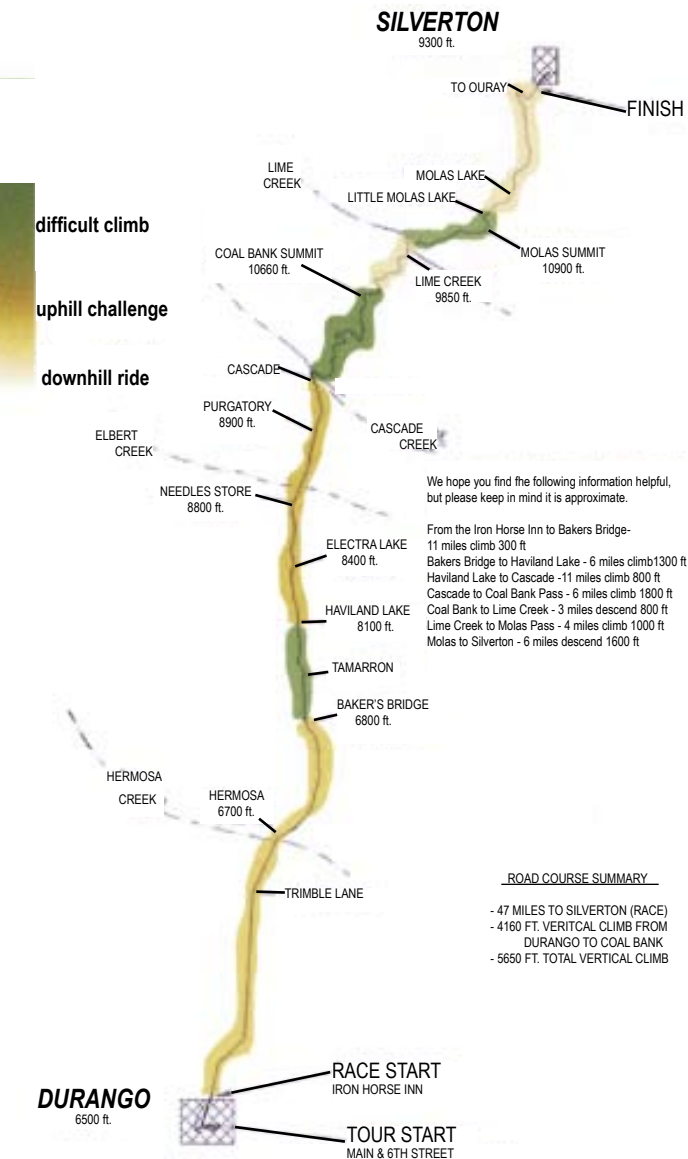
Weekend Schedule

Friday, May 28th

- Mandatory Registration and Check-in at 2pm - 9pm at the La Plata County Fairgrounds 2500 Main Avenue
- Dinner at Cross Bar X for riders and families

Saturday, May 29th

- 6:00 am breakfast at Cross Bar X
- Citizens Tour--7:00 am early bird start - College Ave and Camino Del Rio
- Road Race: Leave from LaPlata County Fair Grounds at designated time (7:26 am to 7:56 am)
- Citizens Tour and Quarter Horse: 8:15am - College Ave and Camino Del Rio
- 12:00 pm Lunch in Silverton for riders and their families at Church on the Hill (1101 Snowden Ave. - Directions: Go north on Greene Street, which is the main avenue, then turn left on 11th and go two blocks.) We will have a group picture at 12:45 - Please be there!
- 1:30pm We will head back to camp



Raising Funds

We ask that each rider raise \$1000 for the Cross Bar X Scholarship Fund. In order to reach your fundraising goal of \$1000, we suggest calling and sending a letter to potential sponsors, asking for sponsorships of a one-time tax deductible donation to Cross Bar X for the Camper Fund. We will provide you with an easy to use Bike Sponsorship Flyer and remittance envelopes which you can mail out. The flyer can be downloaded from our web site at www.crossbarx.org. You will be responsible for collecting these donations and bringing them to the camp. You can also have your sponsors send it directly to the camp. We suggest that you begin to request donations through letters and phone calls in April. It's people like you who make it possible for kids to come to camp. In this event, not only do you raise funds, but you Have Fun!

Ideas for Success In Raising Funds

- Start by sponsoring yourself
- Ask family members
- Ask people from your church
- Ask friends
- Ask co-workers
- Ask neighbors
- Ask your boss for a company contribution
- Ask businesses you frequent (i.e. your hair stylist, dry cleaner, vet, restaurants)

Cross Bar X Provides...

- ~ Flyers to mailout, sample request letter, and reply cards or envelopes for raising scholarships.
- ~ Bike Jersey
- ~ Cross Bar X Water Bottle
- ~ Meals--Dinner on Friday evening before the event
Early Breakfast Saturday morning
Lunch in Silverton after the event
- ~ Transportation from the camp to Durango and transportation from Silverton to the camp for you and your bike.
- ~ Lodging--If you are coming from out of town you may stay here at the camp. Please bring your own bedding.

