



## TEAM WILL BREAKAWAY NEWSLETTER

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### Facts About Pediatric Cancer

- 46 children are diagnosed with cancer every day in the U.S.
- 14,000 children will be diagnosed this year with cancer.
- 40,000 children are being treated for cancer in the US.

*from the Foundation for Children with Cancer*

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Welcome to **Team Will's Breakaway**, an electronic newsletter to update you on Team Will's activities and programs. Team Will is a community of volunteers who share the joy of cycling.

Our goal is to raise awareness for children with cancer and their families, to advocate for their needs, and to support research so every child can survive and lead a long and healthy life.

Cyclists of all skill levels and ages across the country have joined Team Will and are promoting a community that imparts a coherent, credible voice to educating society about childhood cancer through various cycling activities and partnering with organizations to provide resources to families affected by childhood cancer.

### International Film Trailer Festival



Team Will needs your help! The "Go the Distance" film trailer has just been entered in the International Film Trailer festival. Please visit the link and vote for the trailer. If it wins the "Fan Appreciation Award (\$1000)," Timeline Media Productions will donate a portion of the prize money to Team Will...so every vote counts!

<https://www.internationalmovietrailerfestival.com/index.php?p=trailers>

### SammyRides

Sammy Rides, a project sponsored by Team Will, will take place in spring 2011. From March to May, the four-man team will ride along the southern portion of the U.S. from Phoenix, AZ to their hometown of Greater Sun City Center, FL. They will cycle 2400 miles over two months. The average age of the cyclists is 70.

The namesake of the ride is one of riders and his wife's grandchild, Sammy Rotman, who died at the age of 9 from Osteosarcoma, a bone tumor. The ride has brought together volunteers from all over Greater Sun City Center who help to raise awareness and funds to eliminate pediatric cancer. The ride honors Sammy along with all the children who are being, have been, or will be affected by pediatric cancer.

The goals of the ride include bringing awareness to the issue of pediatric cancer in this country, visiting hospitals along the route to show there is hope, bringing a message of the need for volunteering to universities along the route, demonstrating there are senior citizens who are active and want to make the world a better place for their children and grandchildren and showing there are senior citizens who are still full of life, productive, and planning for the future.

Please visit <http://sammyrides.com> for more information!

### Rider Spotlight



We will be featuring riders from the past years in upcoming newsletters. The first one we have talked to is John Depew, who has been on Team Will 3 times now.

**1. When did you first get involved with Team Will and how did you hear about it?**

I first heard of Team Will (TW) through a friend and former TW rider Van U'ren in the summer of 2005. I started riding with Team Will shortly thereafter in preparation for the 2006 cross country ride.

**2. What was your motivation for joining and riding across the country?**

Initial motivation was to do the ride. The challenge of riding across the country in a 10-day event was really appealing. We didn't know if it was actually possible. Once we got into the trip, we learned that the true value is visiting the children and families impacted by children's cancer.

**3. What was a memorable experience from any of the trips?**

Hands down, the hospital visits are always the most moving events on any trip. Specifically, while in Springfield, IL, in 2008, we met a 3 year old boy, Travis, who was so full of life and so much like my own boys that he was a true inspiration to all of us. I honestly believe he cheered us up more than we cheered him.

**4. How did you get into shape to ride the cross-country trip?**

There is no substitute for saddle time and lots of climbing to get the legs in shape. The TW ride isn't a race, but you have to keep moving. Endurance is the key, so you really have to pay attention to food and drink both on and off the bike. I had done a ride from San Francisco to Boulder, CO, in 2003, so I had an idea how to prep for this trip. As it turned out, the TW ride was much more grueling since the challenges of leapfrogging the other teams via the van and visiting hospitals and attending rallies really cut into recovery time.

**5. What are you doing now and are you planning to ride the next trip in 2012?**

I've just begun my first term as a member of the TW Board of Directors and look forward to assisting with the planning of the 2012 ride. I've ridden in all 3 cross country events to date and plan to be there again in 2012!!

### Team Will Heroes

A Team Will Hero is someone who does something extraordinary in an extraordinary circumstance. These Team Will heroes have done just that, something extraordinary; they have inspired everyone they meet with their courage and bravery in the face of extreme challenges as they battle for their lives. For this they are Team Will Heroes and we will never forget them. [Click Here](#) for a complete list of all Team Will's Heroes.

### Help Support Team Will

[Click Here](#) to help support Team Will by purchasing through our Affiliate Program. This is a great way for you to purchase items and support Team Will. With every purchase made through the links the affiliates will donate a percentage of the sale to Team Will. Check back often as new affiliates will be posted periodically. Thank you for your support.

**Thank you for being a part of Team Will. Please spread the Breakaway by sharing this newsletter with your friends and associations!**

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