



TEAM WILL BREAKAWAY NEWSLETTER

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GTD is now an INTERNATIONAL event! Several Australians will select one day during Team Will's cross-country trip and riding in Australia. Stay tuned for details!

Team Will is featured in the June issue of Sacramento's Parent Magazine! If you're in the area, pick up a copy and check us out!

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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.

Thank You's

On behalf of Team Will's Board of Directors, it brings us great pleasure to thank several businesses who have donated products or gift cards equaling several thousand dollars to support our Go The Distance event. The generous contributions from Eden's Hope Foundation, Home Depot, Rite-Aid, Performance Bike, Folsom Bike, Bicycle Planet, Natures Path, Bicycle Plus, Wal-Mart, Raley's, Target, Trader Joe's and Safeway have advanced our efforts to raise community awareness and funds for childhood cancer research and family support services.

Training, Training, Training



Weekly rides over the past five months have really honed our skills in preparation for our Go The Distance event. Early on rides were approximately 50 miles with moderate climbing; today the rides are 100 miles or more with enough hills to make the riding very difficult.

On June 1st and 2nd the drivers will practice their skills passing water and food to the cyclists and quickly loading and unloading bikes from the vehicles while the cyclists get more time on their bikes. These 8 hour, back-to-back training rides will help develop critical skills needed for our cross country event.

Team Will in the Community!

Blanche Sprentz Elementary Holds School Assembly for Team Will



Friday, May 11th, Blanche Sprentz Elementary hosted a school assembly honoring Team Will and the work we do in the community. Six cyclists and two support staff members spoke to the children about the organization, our work with children in the hospitals, and the upcoming Go The Distance Ride. Volunteer driver [Lisa Depew](#) talked about the ride from a support perspective, asking the children to use their math skills to help her figure out how many water bottles to prepare for a day on the bike for her riders and cyclists [Tom Weissgerber](#), [Rex Gordon](#), [Tony Reyes](#), [Mark Ruanto](#), [Mauricio Solis](#), and [John Depew](#) answered questions about their inspiration to join the organization and what they're most looking forward to about the trip. Children were extremely impressed with some of the trip statistics for the pending adventure. Just like in the "The Very Hungry Caterpillar", the team highlighted that 20 cyclists would drink 2000 bottles of water, go through 60 canisters of powdered Gatorade, eat 500+ sandwiches, consume 300+ bananas, eat 1000+ energy bars, and burn nearly 1 MILLION calories! The students also impressed the team with their geography skills, helping identify state capitols in the areas TW is riding through and name the oceans where we'll start and finish the coast-to-coast ride! The visit ended with Jacob Glennan, Jayden Donell, and Madi & Tanner Thompson presenting hundreds of cards made by the students of Blanche Sprentz Elementary, to deliver to pediatric cancer patients across the country this summer. Thank you, Principal Cagney & Blanche Sprentz Elementary, for helping Team Will give hope and help to children with cancer and their families!



Visit Team Will at Cyclebration - June 9th, 10am-5pm

For those who live in the Sacramento/Folsom area, don't forget to check out Team Will at Folsom Cyclebration next month! Team Will is hosting an awareness booth at the Vendor Expo during this exciting family event-June 9th, 10am-5pm at Folsom City Park. Stop by to learn more about Team Will, pick up coloring & activity pages for the kids, visit with our riders, and make a donation. As a special bonus, cyclists will be at our booth, riding on trainers during the event! Passers-by can see what these men and women do, hour after hour, day after day, going the distance for our kids. We will also be holding a raffle, so reach into your pocketbook to make a donation for a chance to win one of many great prizes! Participants receive 1 raffle ticket for every \$5 donated during the event! Prizes include tune-ups, nutrition supplements, and a new bike! Don't miss out! For more information, see <http://folsomcyclebration.com/> or contact [Lisa Depew](#).

Folsom City Lions Park is located on Stafford St., in Folsom, behind the Folsom Public Library.

It's a Party! Bring Your Friends to "The Purple Place" in El Dorado Hills - June 12, ALL DAY

The fabulous proprietors of "The Purple Place" in El Dorado Hills, CA, are helping Team Will with an amazing fundraiser. 20% of all proceeds earned on June 12th, from anyone mentioning Team Will, will go to support our Go the Distance 2012 ride. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, even drinks-all expenditures help us get closer to our \$125,000 fundraising goal. So come out for a great meal, enjoy time with friends, and support a fantastic cause! Supporters will receive one raffle ticket for every \$15 spent that night, so don't forget to tell the wait staff you're there for Team Will!

The Purple Place is located at 363 Green Valley Road, in El Dorado Hills, CA.

How to Help

During the Ride

If you live along the route and would be willing to put a team up for the night, provide some grab-and-go meals, host a meal, or set up a reception or event to get friends together to promote Team Will, please email [Ken Scarberry](mailto:kscarberry@team-will.org) at kscarberry@team-will.org. All help is appreciated! (Full route details can be viewed from the [Team Will](#) website. On the homepage, click "Go the Distance 2012" on the left hand side, then view the route map links at the bottom of the page.) Please try to check out the community fundraisers and support Team Will by making a donation. If a donation is made to a community fundraising event during the ride, 50% of that donation will remain in the community because TW is able to contribute to specific local charities. This allows Team Will to donate funds back to the community and the contributions will remain in the community for childhood cancer research and/or family support services.

Sharing

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Re-Cycle: 100 Short Essays on the Sport of Cycling

Scott Charles is collecting short stories about cycling to publish into an e-book. Check it out and share your story! http://libernetics.com/writings/?page_id=832. There is a chance proceeds may go to Team Will.

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.

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

Sincerely,
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