WHAT IS THE OUTREACH FOR HOPE FAMILY BIKE RIDE?

It is a chance to enjoy biking (and walking at some locations,) with family and friends of all ages on trails and road rides – all while raising money for a worthy cause: Outreach for Hope.

The Outreach for Hope Family Bike Ride is an annual event, and a major source of funds needed to support urban ministries throughout Southeastern Wisconsin. To learn more about Outreach for Hope, and the ministries they support, visit outreachforhope.org.

WHEN IS THE OUTREACH FOR HOPE FAMILY BIKE RIDE? WHAT ARE THE DETAILS?

The ride is Saturday, September 12, 2020. There are 3 ride locations: Waukesha County (starting in Dousman,) Ozaukee County (starting in Grafton,) and Racine/Kenosha. There are longer road rides, trail rides and, in some cases, walks. Riders receive a T-shirt and are invited to a picnic lunch following the rides.

Registration details can be found at ofhbikeride.com. There you will first choose the location which interests you, and then you will find information about registration fees, route details, start times and fund-raising details. You can register as an individual rider, as a family, as a virtual rider, or as a volunteer. Mail-in registrations are also available. You can also contact Outreach for Hope at 414.671.1212 for more details.

ARE THERE REST STOPS ON THE RIDES?

Yes. Trail rides naturally have places to stop and rest. These trails are for walkers and bike riders, and it is easy to pull off the trail and rest as needed. For some trail rides, there are additional Outreach for Hope rest stops with refreshments and water.
Rest stops are set up for longer road rides, as part of route planning. (Longer rides may be 20, 25, 30 or 50 miles depending on the location you select.) These rides are broken up with rest stops at approximately every 10 miles for shorter rides and every 15-16 miles for longer rides.

ARE ROADS CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DURING THE RIDES?

No. Road riders will be sharing the roads with normal motorized vehicular traffic. For the Trail Ride, riders will travel a short distance on village streets to access the trail. For the Trail Ride, volunteers will be monitoring points where the trail crosses streets/roads/highways for motorized vehicular traffic. They cannot stop traffic but will give riders guidance and help them watch for traffic. All riders are encouraged to exercise caution when encountering motorized vehicular traffic.

CAN RIDERS FORM TEAMS FOR THE RIDES?

Riders can form teams as a way of increasing ridership and fundraising support. All team members must register and pay separately as an Individual, Family, Virtual Rider or Volunteer.

IS FUNDRAISING REQUIRED?

Fundraising is encouraged for many reasons. Part of your registration fee covers the cost of the event and the benefits you get like a T-shirt and lunch. The additional money you raise – or donate - is critical support for Outreach for Hope, in funding ministries, as well as continuing to sponsor fun events like the Family Bike Ride.

When you register for the Ride as an Individual, a Family, a Volunteer or a Virtual Rider (assuming that you complete the registration process,) a customizable fundraising page will be automatically created for you. Simply forward your fundraising page’s link to friends and family, or use social media (such as Facebook) to promote your page. It is very simple! You can also collect donations of cash or checks (made payable to Outreach for Hope, Inc.). All such donations are due to Outreach for Hope, 1212 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53215 by September 30.

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BIKE RIDE?

You can contact the Outreach for Hope office at phil@outreachforhope.com. If you need help registering, you can send an email to bikeridehelp@gmail.com. We will be happy to walk you through the registration process or answer registration-related questions.