



**Who wants to ride 500 miles on a bike
to raise money for tree research and education?**

I do, actually. This July my bike and I will travel to the Washington, D.C. metro area to ride the 2017 STIHL Tour des Trees to benefit TREE Fund. I've signed up to ride 500 miles in a week and raise \$3,500.00 for TREE Fund because I believe that the research and education this ride supports are critical to the well-being of our communities and everyone who inhabits them.

Why should you care? Can you see a tree from your home or office window? Urban trees are vital to our survival. They reduce air pollution, sequester carbon, control erosion, shelter us from heat and wind, and add beauty to our lives. They give us respite from the stressors of our daily lives, and I need you to help me return the favor.

Urban living is stressful for trees. Pests, diseases, construction, pollution and neglect put the trees in your community at risk every day. The research and education funded by TREE Fund via the STIHL Tour des Trees helps to ensure that tree care professionals are well equipped to keep up with the problems faced by urban trees.

So, do you want to ride 500 miles with me for tree research and education? If not, here's another option: would you donate \$100 (or whatever you can afford) to my campaign, and I'll do the riding? I would really appreciate your support, and the trees will appreciate it, too! Since TREE Fund Partners defray event costs, you can rest assured that **100% of your donation to my campaign will support tree research and education.**

Here's a link to my fundraising page:

Or you can write a check and mail it to the address below. Please note my name in the memo section.

For more information about TREE Fund visit: www.treefund.org
Learn more about the STIHL Tour des Trees at: www.stihltourdestrees.org

Thank you!



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