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STIHL Tour des Trees Ride Guide

Welcome! We're glad to have you on board for this year's special Silver Anniversary Tour des Trees. This monthly Ride Guide contains Tour updates, and it highlights what you need to know NOW as you prepare for the ride.

Arbor Day Fundraising Incentive

NOW is the time to start fundraising, and we're offering an incentive to get you going. In honor of Arbor Day, for each \$50 STdT donation you raise **April 24-30**, you earn a chance to win a Black Bear Adventure (BBA) cycling giftpack. You'll be the envy of the Tour with your BBA-branded cycling backpack, jersey, clothing, water bottle and other cool swag. Many thanks to Tour Director Paul Wood and Black Bear Adventures for making this promotion possible!



Safety: New Protocols

On this year's ride, you can expect **two new safety protocols** that address trail riding and the fact that we'll have new riders joining us each day.

1. Our trail permit dictates we **ride in small groups and launch in intervals**. More details to come on this after Tour registration closes.
2. To make sure everyone participates in our culture of safety, the Safety Committee has devised a **checklist** that all riders must go through before riding. The checklist includes



safety training and a bike and helmet check. We will cover the checklist on Saturday July 29 at the Rider Orientation meeting. (If you're joining us later in the week as a part-time rider but are available to attend this orientation, we encourage you to do so). For those who can't make the Saturday meeting, we'll cover the safety checklist either the evening before or the morning of your initial ride. Once you complete the checklist, you'll receive a tag to zip-tie onto your bike. Each morning Paul will check tags before we launch. More details to come...

Training

Yes, you should be training! Get Paul Wood's tips for that [HERE](#).



Ride Highlights

See some of the places we'll be stopping and read Paul Wood's description of the route on the [This Year's Ride page](#) of our website.



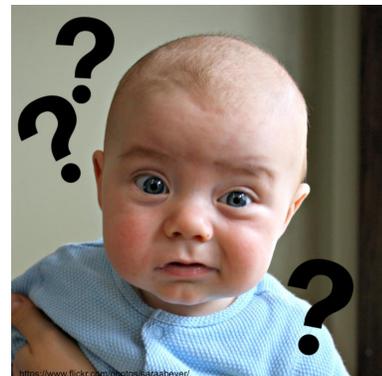
Questions from You

Q: Do I need to register for the TREE Fund After Hours Silver Anniversary Tour Celebration?

A: NO. As a Tour participant, you are automatically registered.

Q: Why was I charged for my Tour jersey?

A: If this happened to you, it's because you ordered your jersey faster than I could issue a credit to your account. If you've been charged,



let me know and I'll ask Voler to refund your card.

Typically I issue credits every Friday, so you'll receive an email from me the Friday after you register saying you can order your jersey (without being charged).

Other questions? Check out the [Participant Resources page](#) of our website, or contact [Karen Lindell](#) at TREE Fund.



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