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ECG NYC-to-PHL Ride: Crew Roles in Summary

Non-Specialty Teams

Most Crew will be on one of these teams. They do not require any special equipment or licensing.

Route Marking:

Because over half the ride is on trails, this position will require two teams; one to mark the trails and a second team to mark the roads. There are three people on each team.

Timeline

- This Team begins their roles before the ride starts. On the Thursday before the ride the Team will meet in the morning and gather the supplies they need and start marking the route. They will be on the road marking until sunset. They will pick up the following day where they left off.

Oasis Teams

The Oasis teams play a crucial role in the safety of the Riders. Typically scheduled every 12-15 miles along the route, the Oases are a respite from the road. They are a place for Riders to stop, rest (briefly), and refuel before continuing their journey. They help ensure that riders stay hydrated and nourished, that they can catch their breath, and that they can get their bodies and their bikes checked out if needed.

Lunch/Closing Ceremony Team

In most respects, the Lunch Team operates like the other oases. However, there are key differences.

The most obvious is that instead of snacks, you will serve a meal. Typically, these are boxed lunches that come from a vendor. The Lunch Team will need to go to the vendor in the morning to pick up the lunches. Once you have picked up the lunches, drive to your Lunch site and set up.

On Sunday, you will head to Philadelphia to assist in setting up and running the closing ceremony and party for the event. The party will include “heavy hors d’oeuvres” and beverages to welcome the riders.

Sweep/SAG/Bike Transport

The Sweep Team ensures all riders who are off their bikes, get transported where they need to go. There are three types of vehicles that are used on the event. Each has a slightly different purpose:

- Sweep - the “local” vehicle. The typical Sweep is an SUV with a driver, a navigator and a bike rack(s). The Sweep patrols the route watching for riders who are experiencing difficulties.
- SAG - the “express.” The SAG van is a 15-passenger van that works in concert with the Bike Transport van, below, to bring larger groups of people from Oasis to Oasis, forward up the route.
- Bike Transport – This is a cargo van that carries the bikes that belong to the Riders in the SAG van.

Route Closure

The job of the Route Closure team is to remove all route signage from that day's route. You accomplish this by following the route behind the Caboose (the designated last Rider) and taking down signage. You may occasionally get called for other needs, such as fixing signage or helping to mark a detour.

Gear and Camp Services

The Gear/Camp Crew is responsible for transporting bike racks, camp site supplies, and Riders and Crew's luggage from NYC to Princeton and then on to Philadelphia. They are also tasked with setting up and managing the camp site in Princeton at the YMCA. At least one Crew member from this team must be willing and able to drive the 26-foot gear truck.

Specialty Teams

The following teams require special training, licensing and/or certification.

Medical

The Medical team looks out for the health and welfare of all participants on the event. They treat any minor medical issues that a participant may present with and are the first to tend to a Rider with a more serious medical issue before medical transport arrives. In addition, Medical team members are on the lookout for Riders who may be ill or suffering from dehydration. In these cases, it is the Medical team's responsibility to remove the Rider from the route until his/her condition has stabilized.

Motorcycle Safety

The Motorcycle Safety team keeps the Riders safe, particularly at tricky intersections, and to provide a friendly face along the route when Riders may need it most.

Bike Tech

The Bike Tech team is responsible for all bike repair during the Ride, from simple preventive maintenance to major repair because of equipment failure or previously undiagnosed damage.



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