



Bike Aid

The Cross Country Bikeathon for Global Development

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Press Release

Bike Aid to Relaunch in 2022

Bike Aid, the annual cross country bikeathon for global development, will relaunch in the summer of 2022, focusing on climate change. The multiroute bike ride from the West Coast to the East Coast of the USA is slated to take place June 14 to August 10, 2022.

Cyclists will engage citizens and politicians in over 250 communities across the United States to discuss solutions to climate change. The ride will have nine routes covering all 50 states, culminating in Washington DC to implore the U.S. Congress to act decisively on climate change. Bike Aid is actively recruiting cross country riders and hosts in each of the communities.

The routes will start in Seattle, Portland OR, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Austin, Tallahassee and Montreal, all meeting in Washington DC. Additional short routes are planned for Alaska and Hawaii. Each rider will raise money to support environmental projects in Asia, Africa and Latin America that mitigate climate change.

As background, Bike Aid was founded in 1986 by a group of Stanford University students. The cross country ride attracted 80 riders in its first year, and ran for 19 consecutive years, through 2004, with over 1100 participants. The ride raised over \$2 million for development projects sponsored by the Overseas Development Network in Africa, Asia and Latin America. In July 2021, Bike Aid alumni met for a reunion in Washington DC and decided to relaunch the event in 2022.

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