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A P P L I C A T I O N F O R M f o r C Y C L I S T S

Dear Cycling Applicant,

Please read the following information on the application process and requirements for participation in the *Sea to Sea 2008 Bike Tour*.

Beginning August 1, 2007, cyclists may register **only** for the entire nine-week tour:
Sea to Sea – Seattle to Jersey City, Saturday, June 28 – Sunday, August 31.

Beginning October 1, 2007, cyclists may register for one, two or three of the following three sections:

1. WEST – Seattle to Denver, 4 WEEKS, Saturday, June 28 – Saturday, July 26.
2. CENTRAL – Denver to Grand Rapids, 3 WEEKS, Sunday, July 27 – Saturday, August 16.
3. EAST – Grand Rapids to Jersey City, 2 WEEKS, Sunday, August 17 – Sunday, August 31.

Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Space on the tour is limited. A \$250 non-refundable donation must accompany the application form to secure your place on the tour. This \$250 donation is eligible for a tax receipt¹ and counts toward your fund-raising target.

A fully completed application will eventually include a signed endorsement form from your church. However, the initial application requires only the application form and payment. If you are in a church with more than one cyclist applying to ride, we encourage you as cyclists and church leaders to work out a suitable arrangement for endorsement and support. One or both (or more) of you may be better suited to seek additional endorsement from a neighboring church.

Cyclists are encouraged to seek endorsement from more than one church.² In this way, a greater number of congregations can be more meaningfully involved and cyclists have a larger community supporting them.

¹=If someone other than yourself is providing this donation, please include their name(s) and address(es) for tax receipt purposes.

²=Duplicate pages 4 and 5 as needed.

Requirements to Participate as a Cyclist

- Must agree with and support the purpose of the tour:
 - To work toward ending the cycle of poverty by raising awareness and funds to support poverty-alleviation programs initiated by the CRC and its partners, and motivating people to use their time and skills to help those living in poverty.
- Must be at least 18 years old by the start of the tour (June 28, 2008).
- Must have a valid passport prior to the start of the tour (if you don't have one, apply now).
- Must not have a police and/or criminal record.
- Must be physically, mentally and spiritually fit.
- Must have adequate medical insurance for travel in both Canada and the United States.
- Must be committed to reaching your fund-raising target prior to the tour. Target: for Sea to Sea riders is at least \$10,000 in pledges; for those riding any section is at least \$4,000 per section.³
- Must provide your own bicycle, tent and related equipment.⁴
- Must provide own funds to cover travel costs to your starting point and home from your ending point.⁴

³=Cyclists who register for two sections commit to raising at least \$8,000. Registration for complete sections is strongly encouraged.

⁴=Some spaces have been reserved for individuals who, because of challenging financial circumstances, cannot meet these two requirements. Cyclists who can demonstrate need and wish to apply for a grant for equipment and/or travel should call the Sea to Sea office for information: 1-888-272-2453.

Note: The goal of the tour is to raise sufficient corporate sponsorship to cover the cost of each cyclist riding across the country as well as fixed expenses so that all of the funds raised by the cyclists will support the cause of "ending the cycle of poverty" for individuals, families and communities around the world.

Application Process Checklist

_____ Complete the Application Form (page 3)

_____ Mail in the following: _____ Completed Application Form
_____ A \$250 donation (check payable to "Sea to Sea Bike Tour")

Mail this package to the address indicated on the Application Form.

_____ Send in a recent photograph of yourself (close-up head shot) to be used with your profile and donation page online.

E-mail a digital image (preferred) to: David.Raakman@seatosea.org

Or, mail a print with your application.

By signing the application form, you are allowing tour organizers to use your photo appropriately and with discretion in promoting the Sea to Sea tour.

_____ Complete the top portion of Endorsement Form (page 4). Submit this form and Endorsement Guidelines (page 5) to your pastor/church leadership to have them fill out the bottom portion of the form and return it to you. Repeat this step if you are seeking an endorsement from more than one church.

_____ Mail in your completed Endorsement Form(s) to the address indicated.

Thank you for your interest in participating as a cyclist.



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Sea to Sea 2008 Bike Tour
Application Form for Cyclists

Cyclist completes this form and submits it to tour organizers by mail.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail (print clearly) _____

Age _____ Gender _____ M _____ F Birthday mm / dd / yy ___/___/___

Occupation _____

Name of church: _____ City: _____ State/Prov: _____

I am applying to cycle the following distance (you may select one or two sections or Sea to Sea):

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| _____ WEST | Seattle to Denver | 4 WEEKS | Sat., June 28 – Sat., July 26. |
| _____ CENTRAL | Denver to Grand Rapids | 3 WEEKS | Sun., July 27 – Sat., August 16. |
| _____ EAST | Grand Rapids to Jersey City | 2 WEEKS | Sun., August 17 – Sun., August 31. |
| _____ SEA TO SEA | Seattle to Jersey City | 9 WEEKS | Sat., June 28 – Sun., August 31. |

Please state why you want to ride: _____

I will pay my \$250 donation by credit card. Card number: _____

Name on card: _____ Exp. Date: ___/___ mm/yyyy

(If someone other than you is providing this donation, indicate name and full address on reverse for tax receipt purposes.
If paying by credit card, you may fax this form to: 616-224-0834 attn: Erinn Swett)

I have read and agree with the requirements given on pages 1 and 2 of this application form.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Submit this application form prior to the
Final Registration Deadline of January 31, 2008.**

Mail this application form to:
Sea to Sea 2008 Bike Tour
c/o Erinn Swett
2850 Kalamazoo Ave. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49560

Sea to Sea 2008 Bike Tour
Endorsement Form for Cyclists

Cyclist completes the top portion of this form and submits it to a pastor/church leader for endorsement along with the guidelines on page 5.

Name of cyclist: _____ Phone: _____

Name of church: _____ City: _____ State/Prov: _____

Applying to cycle: _____ WEST _____ CENTRAL _____ EAST _____ SEA TO SEA

Please state why you want to ride: _____

To be filled in by Pastor/Church Leader after reading the "Endorsement Guidelines."

On behalf of our church, I endorse the above applicant as a worthy participant in this tour. I/We will support and encourage this person as she/he raises funds and prepares to participate in the *Sea to Sea 2008 Bike Tour*.

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Comments: _____

Signature

Printed name

Date

Please complete this and return to the cyclist as soon as possible, or within 3 weeks of receipt.

Deadline for Applications is January 31, 2008.

Cyclist: Please fax this endorsement form to Erinn Swett at 616-224-0834
Or mail to: Sea to Sea 2008 Bike Tour c/o Erinn Swett 2850 Kalamazoo Ave. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49560

Endorsement Guidelines

The *Sea to Sea 2008 Bike Tour* represents an opportunity to make a significant impact in raising awareness and funds to support the work of ending the cycle of poverty for people, families and communities around the world.

This cross-continental bike tour could see hundreds of cyclists take part in the 4,000-mile trek from Seattle to Jersey City through 14 states and 1 province from June 30 to August 30, 2008. One of these cyclists is seeking your endorsement to participate as a representative of your church on this tour. The guidelines on this page are intended to help you know what your endorsement means.

To begin, we offer you our thanks: you play an important role in the registration process by giving insight into the character and abilities of the cyclist applying to participate. We're asking you to get involved in this way because it's important for the tour organizers and the cyclists themselves to know they have a strong supporting community behind them as they take on this challenge. Your support is offered in at least the following ways:

- praying for your cyclist before and during the tour;
- offering words of encouragement and showing interest in your cyclist's participation;
- enabling your cyclist to meet his or her fund-raising goal.

In addition to these guidelines, you should have been provided with an endorsement form from the cyclist applying to participate. The top part should already be filled out by the cyclist and we're asking you to complete the bottom portion and give it back to the cyclist quickly so she/he can complete the application process.

Should you have more than one cyclist from your church apply, it is up to you as leaders if you wish to endorse both (or all) applicants as resources allow. In this situation, please encourage your participating cyclists to also seek endorsement from one or more other churches that do not have a rider. Should you decide to endorse a single applicant, the selection is up to you (our suggestion would be first-come, first-served but you may have valid reasons to decide otherwise). That doesn't mean the other person(s) cannot participate. Rather, they would then seek endorsement from a neighboring church that does not have a rider.

If you are unsure as to the suitability of the applicant seeking your endorsement, please call the Sea to Sea office to discuss this further: 1-888-272-2453.

Every rider, including the applicant that is seeking your endorsement, is saying he/she is supportive of the tour's goal and is committing to raise at least \$10,000 (full distance) or \$4,000 (per section) to support the work of alleviating poverty through agencies and partners of the Christian Reformed Church.

Participation Requirements

Before filling out the endorsement form, please consider these requirements for any participant:

- Age 18 or older (by June 28, 2008);
- Does not have a police or criminal record (to the best of your knowledge);
- Physically, emotionally and spiritually ready to take the challenge

Please contact Erinn Swett (bike@seatosea.org OR 1-888-CRC-BIKE) if you have any questions about this process. You could also refer to the web site for more information at www.SeatoSea.org under Get Involved > Church Endorsement. Much more general information on the tour is also available online.

Thanks again for the part you are playing in this exciting adventure.

Sincerely, in Christ,



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