

Annual bike ride big money for leukemia, Lake Tahoe area

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Imagine the scenic beauty of Lake Tahoe with its crystal clear blue waters surrounded by towering majestic snow capped peaks. Imagine being able to ride a bicycle around its 72-mile shoreline or a 100-mile century ride.

On June 3, more than 3,300 bicycling enthusiasts from all over the country will participate in the 21st annual America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride around Lake Tahoe. This fun ride is not a race, but a tour and promotes the Lake Tahoe Bikeway project, the master plan to construct and inter-connect all the bike lanes around Lake Tahoe.



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The event is sold out.

The ride is also the culmination of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's spring Team In Training Cycle 100 national fund raising program where 1,300-plus participants from 59 chapters and branches are participating and expect to raise more than \$6.5 million.

During the past 14 years, TNT has brought nearly 19,500 participants to Lake Tahoe for America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride, bringing their total funds raised to \$68.5 million.

Since its founding in 1949, the society has invested more than \$750 million in research to support their mission of finding a cure for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and to improve the quality of life for patients and families.

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