



Ride for Kids®

EVENT NEWSLETTER

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PEDIATRIC BRAIN TUMOR FOUNDATION

13th Annual Puget Sound Ride for Kids®—Let's Ride

Are you ready to ride? The 13th annual Puget Sound Ride for Kids® is just around the corner, on Sunday, Sept. 11. Hundreds of riders on all brands of motorcycles will assemble at Remlinger Farms in Carnation, Wash., to show their support for young children who have been diagnosed with a brain tumor.

One of those motorcyclists will be Dick Stryker, Task Force Leader for the Puget Sound Ride for Kids®. "For 40 years I was a motorcyclist, but after my first Ride for Kids event 10 years ago, I became an enthusiastic, passionate motorcyclist with a mission to help find the cause and cure of pediatric brain tumors," says Stryker.

"Until the day we hear there is a complete cure of brain tumors only then will I consider my mission accomplished."

The support of motorcyclists like Stryker is essential to the success of the Ride for Kids®, and to the work of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation (PBTf). Brain tumors are the most devastating type of childhood cancer. Since 1984, the national Ride for Kids® program has funded the PBTf's childhood brain tumor research and family support programs.

Thanks to the thousands of

caring and generous motorcyclists and motorcycle dealers who have championed the program since its inception, PBTf has become the largest non-governmental source of funding for pediatric brain tumor research in the world. The foundation also produces free literature about brain tumors, the *Helping Hand* and *Caring Hand* national newsletters, and the Informed Parent Internet Conference series. It also offers educational scholarships for young brain tumor survivors.

Regardless of where motorcyclists live, they know that by participating in a Ride for Kids® event, they are helping children who have been diagnosed with brain tumors, both in their own community and throughout the world. With the continued decrease in federal funding for childhood brain tumor research, their efforts are even more important to the welfare of these children.

Registration for the Puget Sound Ride for Kids® is from 8-9:45 a.m. For more information about the PBTf or the Ride for Kids®, visit pbtfus.org or rideforkids.org, or call (800) 253-6530.



Brandon was one of the "stars" at the 2004 Puget Sound Ride for Kids®. For more information about how you can join this year's event, visit rideforkids.org or call (800) 253-6530.

Join the Puget Sound Ride for Kids® Event

Date: Sunday, Sept 11, 2005, Rain or Shine!

Location: Remlinger Farms, NE 32nd St., Carnation, Wash.

Registration: 8 - 9:45 a.m.

Minimum Donation: \$35 per motorcycle

Food: Coffee, donuts and light lunch

Grand Prize: Honda Rebel 250

Eligible riders raising \$300 or more earn the chance to win a Honda motorcycle. Each additional \$300 donation earns an additional chance to win the motorcycle.

To receive your official 2005 Ride for Kids® kit with participation information, visit our website: www.rideforkids.org or call (800) 253-6530.

Puget Sound Support Strong in '04



Ride for Kids® "stars" Nick, Brandon and Sara loved getting together at the 2004 Puget Sound event. Come join the celebration of the 13th annual ride on Sunday, Sept. 11! Call (800) 253-6530 or go to rideforkids.org for more info.

2004 Puget Sound Ride for Kids® Heroes

Top Individuals

1. Stacey Hanson & William Hyde	\$15,905
2. Ginny & Dick Stryker	\$8,605
3. Mary & Mick Rairdin	\$7,925
4. Kim & Mike Biell	\$5,740
5. Nancy & Joel Woods	\$5,172

Top Chapters/Clubs

1. GWTA WA Chapter E	\$26,725
2. GWTA WA Chapter C	\$21,648
3. GWTA WA Chapter V	\$20,030
4. Valkyrie Riders Cruiser Club	\$5,200
5. GWRRA WA Chapter E	\$4,260

Top Dealers/Shops

1. Everett Powersports	\$23,637
2. Hinshaw's Motorcycle Store	\$22,908
3. On 3 Trikes	\$18,738
4. Ride Motorsports	\$8,885
5. I-90	\$6,095

The warmth and generosity of 295 caring motorcyclists, fundraisers, volunteers and patient families broke the early morning chill on Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, as the 12th annual Puget Sound Ride for Kids® got underway. At the end of the ride, the participants were thrilled to learn that they had raised \$100,057 for pediatric brain tumor research—a new local record.

Although the day was overcast and rainy, the enthusiastic motorcyclists enjoyed a police-escorted ride from Marymoor Park in Redmond, Wash., through the beautiful foothills of the Cascade Mountains. The participants then gathered at Remlinger Farms in Carnation, Wash., for the touching Celebration of Life program. There, under a big-top tent, three courageous young brain tumor survivors, the Ride for Kids® "stars" of the day, thanked the motorcyclists and fundraisers for helping them.

Jeff, the father of five-year-old Sara, spoke poignantly about the profound effects a childhood brain tumor has on the entire family. He

thanked the PBTf for providing support not only for survivors, but also for their siblings and parents.

Local pediatrician Gayle Thuot told the motorcyclists about the importance of their fundraising efforts, and Mike McKinnon, the mayor of Lynnwood, Wash., was there to applaud the participants and survivors.

William Hyde and Stacey Hanson were the top individual fundraisers with a total of \$15,905. Top club honors went to GWTA WA Chapter E, whose members brought in \$26,725, and the customers of Everett Powersports made it the top motorcycle business with \$23,637 in donations. Vernon T. Van Diver of Federal Way, Wash., was the winner of a brand-new Honda motorcycle donated by the American Honda Motor Company.

Special thanks went to Puget Sound Ride for Kids® Task Force Leaders Dick Stryker and Ella Ralstin, along with their wonderful team of volunteers, for putting together a fantastic event.