# The National MS Society

Together, We're Stronger





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# Captain's Meeting Agenda

- MS Updates
- Ride Across Minnesota
  - Packet Pick-Up
  - Ride Details & Schedule
  - Training & Support
  - Prizes
  - Volunteering
- Questions & Answers







# The National Multiple Sclerosis Society's vision is a world free of MS.

What is multiple sclerosis?

- MS is an immune-mediated disease in which the body's immune system mistakenly attacks myelin in the central nervous system (brain, spinal cord and optic nerves)
- Myelin is the protective coating around nerve fibers

What causes MS?

 The cause of MS is not known, but it is believed to involve genetic susceptibility, abnormalities in the immune system and environmental factors that combine to trigger the disease





## **Packet Pick Up**

- What's in your Packet?
  - Rider Bib
  - Bike Tag
  - Luggage Tags (x3)
  - Rider Wristband
  - Safety Pins
  - Bonus goodies if you've raised \$1,000+ already!

#### Packet Pick-Up

- Sunday, July 17
  - Proctor Fairgrounds –
    800 N Boundary Ave
    Duluth, MN 55810
  - 4:30 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, July 18
  - Proctor Fairgrounds
  - 6:30 7:30 a.m.



#### Bike MS: Ride Across Minnesota

- July 18 22
- 5-day Loop Route
- Route maps coming soon!
- Partial Route Options Available
  - Can do all days or just a few, but must arrange your own transportation.
- Route Start Open 6:30-8 a.m.
  each day
- Route Closes at 4 p.m. each day
- Announcements at 7 p.m.
- Fully supported route and rest stops





### **Schedule**

#### Sunday, July 17

- Proctor, MN
- Event Check-In 4:30 6:30 p.m.
- Get your event packet, t-shirt, and prize jersey (if you raised \$1,000+)
- Meet up and hang out with other participants
- Yes, Camping is permitted!

#### Monday, July 18

- Proctor to Chisholm
- Event Check-In 6:30 7:30 a.m.
- Longest route day pace yourself and bring lots of water!
  - Lunch provided
  - Additional water stop
  - Extra SAG vehicles



## **Schedule**

- Tuesday, July 19
  - Loop route in Chisholm
  - Shortest route day relax, recover, and enjoy the beautiful location!
- Wednesday, July 20
  - Chisholm to Biwabik
  - New supported hotel in Biwabik
    - Comfort Inn & Suites Mountain Iron and Virginia
- Thursday, July 21
  - Biwabik to Two Harbors
  - New supported hotel in Two Harbors
    - Country Inn of Two Harbors



## **Schedule**

- Friday, July 22
  - Two Harbors to Proctor
  - You've made it!
  - Complimentary meal for all participants and volunteers at the finish line
    - \$10 for Friends & Family





# Training & Support

- Bike Shop Partners
  - Stop in at any partner shop for a free bicycle assessment and thank them for their support!
- Route Support
  - Rest stops every 10 15 miles
  - Support vehicles along route
  - Bike mechanics along route
  - Food provided at rest stops, start and finish line
- Safety Reminder
  - It's the personal responsibility of every rider to keep themselves as safe as possible on this event.
  - Safety & Logistics Call Thursday, July 7 at 4 p.m.









# **Volunteer Route Support**

- Rest stops
- Bike mechanics
- Radio communication (HAM)
- Medical
- SAG vehicles
- Ride Marshals
- Route maps & route markings







#### **Prizes & Incentives**

- 2022 Prizes
  - Now <u>up on the website!</u>
- Top 50 Club
  - Rankings close September 16, 2022
  - Free Registration for 2023
  - Exclusive Top 50 Club Backpack Cooler
  - Free registration no fundraising required! – on Bike MS: Twin Cities Ride and Bike MS: MS 150
- T-Shirt
  - All riders who raise \$300+
- Jerseys
  - Available on-event for \$1k+ fundraisers

















### Join the Movement: Volunteer Opportunities for Friends, Families, & More

- Volunteers Make Bike MS Possible!
  - Help to create a world free of MS!
  - Families and groups can volunteer together
  - Teambuilding experience
  - Work towards community service goals
  - Corporate sponsorship & branding opportunities
  - Different Opportunities to choose from
  - Free T-shirt for all volunteers
  - Snacks and drinks provided

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



July 7

4-5 p.m.

Safety & Logistics Call



**July 17** 

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**Pre-Event Packet Pick-up** 



**July 18-22** 

**Event Week!** 





### **Questions & Answers**





## Together, We're Stronger!

MS doesn't stop, and neither will we

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