



The Remember the Removal Bike Ride

Sponsored by the Cherokee Nation & The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

The remember the removal ride is a 3 week, 950 mile bicycle journey from New Echota, Georgia to Tahlequah, Oklahoma following the Northern Route of the trail of tears. While on this ride, you will retrace the steps of your ancestors as they were forced to march through the wild into an unknown land. You will in some ways get to relive a part that terrible experience and yet celebrate the human triumph of our people. Reconnect with your heritage, culture and tradition as you follow the path of ones that came before you.

Eligibility requirements:

- ✓ You must be at least 16 years of age to ride.
- ✓ Open to any enrolled member that is interested and physically able.
- ✓ You must be willing to commit to 4 months of training leading up to the ride and the 3 weeks for the ride itself.
- ✓ Must be willing to raise money to cover all remaining costs for the trip.

****Note****: Only a limited amount of slots are available and riders will be selected through an application process and panel interview.

If you have the desire to take on this life changing opportunity, apply today!

For further information, please contact Tara McCoy (7:45 to 4:30) at 828-497-1976. For more information, pictures, and blogs from past riders go to cherokeeriders.net.

Application Due: Jan 13, 2012



REMBEMBER THE REMOVAL BIKE RIDE APPLICATION

NOTE: Not all applicants will be selected. Interview process will follow and final selections will be made by an advisory committee. Participants need to be at least 16 years and older to participate.

Name _____ DOB _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone () _____ cell() _____ email address _____

School attending _____ Grade _____

Tribe Affiliation _____ Community _____

GENEOLGY:

Mother's Maiden Name _____

Father's Name _____

Grandparents(Mother's side) _____

Grandparents(Father's side) _____

Are you willing to commit to physical training and exercise? Please describe your physical fitness activities and frequency. Specifically, discuss your biking experience. (Note: will not be a deciding factor for bike ride)

Willing to get a doctor's clearance? Yes or No

Willing to do participate in fundraising to fund your part of the team? Yes or No

Do you know anything about your family history? What?

What do you know about the Trail of Tears?

Describe your involvement in and if any leadership experience in your community?

What other groups/organization are you involved in?

If selected, what or how would you give back to the Cherokee community?

What is one thing you would like to see different in your community?

Write ½ page on why you want to do this bike ride