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RIDERS & VOLUNTEERS 2009 - 2010

MEETING SCHEDULE

MEETING TIME: 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm

MEETING LOCATION:

VALENTINO'S BANQUET HALL

Monday, January 11, 2010

Monday, February 8, 2010

Monday March 8, 2010

Monday, April 12, 2010

Monday, May 10, 2010

-Rider Briefing Meeting

Monday, May 17, 2010

-Corporate Benefactor Reception

Monday, May 20, 2010

Bike Loading

Driving Directions

3899 Oneida Street,

Washington Mills, NY

315-737-9506

From either North or South on Route 12, when you get into New Hartford, take Route 8 South to the "Washington Mills" exit. Get off at the Kellogg Road "Washington Mills" Exit. At the traffic light, take a LEFT onto Kellogg Road. At the next light, take a RIGHT onto

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS & WELCOME TO ALL!

The Executive Committee of The Ride for Missing Children is honored to have you join us in The Ride for Missing Children CNY - 2010!

Applications have been sent to all returning Riders and we are now accepting nominations for new Riders. Please send in your application as soon as possible in order to be confirmed as a member of the Friends of Missing Children Team for 2010. Further information will be coming to you in our Bulletins and special announcements.

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Our Rules for Safety

Check first.

before you go anywhere, with anyone, check first with Mom, Dad or the adult responsible for you.

Take a Friend.

Trust Your Feelings.

No, Go Tell.

If someone does something that makes you feel uncomfortable or confused-tell an adult you trust.

Keep Surprises, but don't keep secrets.

Secrets don't have an "end-point"-surprises do.

You are a special person, and deserve to feel safe.

Your rules are:

CHECK FIRST

TAKE A FRIEND

SAY NO THEN GO AND TELL

LISTEN TO YOUR FEELINGS, AND TALK TO GROWN-UPS I TRUST

New Format for Rider & Volunteer meetings in 2010

In 2010 we will be adding some format changes to our Rider & Volunteer meetings as well as new educational arrange and speakers. Some of the changes we will be initiating, to make sure we are making best use of your time are:

6:30 PM to 7:00 PM: Business and Social Time. The meeting room will be open at 6:30 PM so we can use this time for meeting friends and transacting your ride business including:

- o Submitting your Ride donations
- o processing your Rider and the Volunteer applications
- o purchasing Ride apparel
- o trying on jerseys
- o Ride-related event announcements
- o 30 minutes before the formal meeting we will have a scrolling PowerPoint was announcements about Ride-Related events.

7:00 PM: The Formal Rider & Volunteer meeting. We ask everyone to be seated by 7 PM so that we can begin promptly. The focus is Rider & Volunteer meetings will be: updates on important information for Riders and Volunteers, as well as Guest Speakers bringing you educational presentations on the work of NCMEC, child-safety education and abduction prevention. Our formal meeting times are designed to last approximately one hour.

Following the Formal Meeting: the Donation Processing, Apparel, and Registration tables will be open for short time following the formal meeting.

New Policy: Announcements at Ride Meetings

To increase the efficiency of our Rider & Volunteer meetings the Ride Committee has developed a new policy for announcements which Riders or Volunteers wish to make at the Rider & Volunteer meetings. In the Business and Social Time before the start of the Formal meeting, we will have a scrolling PowerPoint with announcements about Ride-related events and information. This will take the place of a multiple announcements which are made during the formal meeting. Announcements during the meeting will be limited to a few specific Ride formal ride dates and deadlines, policies, and guidelines, and Announcements from Ride Committees.

If you wish to have an Announcement posted before the Ride Meeting, please follow the guidelines below.

- E-mail your announcement to therideformissingchildren@gmail.com by noon of the Saturday before the Ride Meeting.
- We will not be able to accept announcements given to us after this time. If you have PowerPoint, you can send your announcement as a pre-prepared PowerPoint slide.
- Keep your announcement brief so that it can be read easily on a PowerPoint slide.
- Space for Announcements of Ride-related events for the Ride Monthl Bulletin are limited. These must be submitted to the Editor of the Ride Bulletin. The Ride Bulletin is published 10 days prior to each Rider and Volunteer meeting.

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New Route for The Ride For Missing Children CNY 2010

Every three years The Ride for Missing Children CNY changes the major course of its route so we can "expand beyond our borders" and bring our message of child safety and abduction prevention to more children. Our new route will take us to many of the elementary schools in Utica as well as Frankfort, Ilion, Mohawk and Herkimer. In alternating years we hope to include schools in the Rome area. Further detailed information on the route for 2010 will be given at our January 11 Rider & Volunteer meeting.

TRAINING/COMMITMENT RIDES

Training/Commitment Rides are held Saturdays and Sundays leaving from the parking lot of Utica National Insurance – beginning Saturday, March 13th (depending on weather) through Sunday, April 19th - 9:00 AM start time, please be there by 8:30am. Beginning Saturday, April 24th and each Saturday and Sunday through Saturday, May 16th – 8:00 a.m. will be our start time. Please be there at 7:30am to prepare to ride by 8:00am sharp. For 2010, we are going to have our short meeting 15 minutes before the start of the training ride so as to leave promptly at 9:00 or 8:00.

Changes for 2010:

Training Ride attendance is mandatory for all riders unless you have extenuating circumstances which prohibit you from attending. (Please contact me at kathleenpurtell@aol.com if you have circumstances which you feel may excuse you from attending). Our purpose for enforcing the training ride attendance policy is for the benefit of all riders in terms of rider safety, additional conditioning and rider camaraderie.

New Riders must attend at least 4 training rides and returning riders must attend at least 2 training rides. This will be enforced in 2010 and it is important that you check in with Dan Maraffa at each training ride. He will be located on the north side of the parking lot and will have a sign on his car for attendance.

We are going to be shortening up the training rides a bit this year. While we are very focused on developing a strong group which rides safely together, we are acutely aware of the time constraints that people have on the weekends. There will be more details to follow at the January meeting!

One last thought, **START TRAINING NOW!!!!** Don't wait till mid-March to train on the road! Ideally, the best training will be on your bike and in central New York, we mean on a trainer! There are groups of people who get together to break up the monotony (MVBC rides at Margaret and Phil Thompson's on Tuesday nights and Dick Sonne's hosts a group on Thursday nights at the shop in New Hartford). If you aren't riding your bike, just do something such as walking, running, cross country skiing, or some other form of exercise.

New Riders

We have a record number of First Year Riders this year! Although some of you are experienced riders, there are many of you that are new to road biking and group riding. Rest assured that we will cover all aspects of the bike and group riding skills with you come March. If you are in the market for a new bike, have questions about equipment, clothing and so on, feel free to contact me at kathleenpurtell@aol.com and we can point you in the right direction. The New Rider Committee looks forward to meeting all of you at the January meeting! In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns, just e-mail me at the above address!

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www.missingkids.com

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BEST WISHES FOR A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

On behalf the Executive
Committee of The Ride for
Missing Children CNY, and
everyone at the National
Center for Missing and Ex-
ploited Children, we want to
thank you for joining us in our
mission: "to make our children
safer ...one child at a time".
Wishing Everyone A Safe and
Happy Holiday Season!!

"As you may know, there are many committees working on the RIDE each year. The School Committee works directly with the ride-by schools and school stops, as well as with the non-stop schools in the tri-county area. Riders and Ride volunteers are able to meet with students or their parents to address personal and bike safety, and to grow awareness of making our children safer wherever they may be.

One new piece of the school committee is using speakers in the fall and winter months to reach out not just to the school children but to the educators and parents of these children. Parent Teacher associations/organizations and administrators could be introduced to the mission of the RIDE and to the umbrella of NCMEC's missions as well. These in-school and/or after-school gatherings may include children, parents, guardians, teachers or any combination of these groups. Also, during the months of March, April and early May, many riders and Ride volunteers elect to visit schools where they have friends or family attending or working.

These visits are one way to inform the audience about the Ride for Missing Children. We speak about the basics: what is NCMEC; what is the RIDE; the 4 RULES of safety; what role the posters play in recovering missing and exploited children. We also share our own stories of why we ride and volunteer or how we became interested in the Ride.

Training our speakers for these basics is where we want to begin. That way, whether you are a rider or a volunteer, or a friend or family member of a rider or volunteer, you will become more familiar with NCMEC and the RIDE missions, and the four rules of safety. Best of all, we will train you.

All new riders and returning riders wishing to work with a school, whether as a speaker or with the Pennies for Posters campaign, must go through the School committee for school access. This requirement includes those of you who have made school visits on behalf of the Ride in past years.

If you would like to be a part of this education component of the RIDE, please contact Kelli Corasanti at corasanti@adelphia.net or Karen LaScala at 315-737-5609 (evenings) or email at fishingll@nedobie.com. We will also be available before and after each of the upcoming Ride meetings.

Please consider joining us as we continue to work for the safety of our children beyond riding our bicycles and raising posters."

WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING VOLUNTEERS!

Please try to attend at least one or all of the upcoming Rider/Volunteer meetings at Valentino's to begin the process of paperwork needed to be a volunteer...or if you have done so already...to keep yourself updated on the latest RIDE information. All volunteers are required to have a background check like the riders and will need to fill out a volunteer application. Even if you have volunteered in past rides, you are still required to fill out a new 2010 volunteer application. You can download a 2010 volunteer application from the following website: www.therideformissingchildren.com. For some volunteer assignments the day of the RIDE, we will be requiring a photo ID badge to be worn on that day. Photos will be taken before and after each Rider/Volunteer meeting for your convenience. We are requesting returning volunteers to wear their t-shirts and lanyards (for photo ID) from past rides and to re-take their photo for 2010. New volunteers will receive a new t-shirt. Feel free to contact Michelle Hughes, Volunteer Coordinator at 315-853-5675 or by email at smahny@gmail.com with any questions.