



2020 Remember the Removal Bike Ride Application

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

The Remember the Removal Bike 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 of that terrible experience and yet celebrate the human triumph of our people. Learn and utilize traditional Cherokee values to 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 15 years of age to ride by January 1, 2020.
- ✓ **ONLY** Enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will be considered (copy of your official enrollment card is required upon applying).
- ✓ The ride is completely supported and funded, and open to any EBCI enrolled member that is interested and physically able.
- ✓ You must be willing to commit to 5 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 if applicable.
- ✓ Must be willing to commit up to 40 hours of education specific to Cherokee history and values.
- ✓ Must be willing to consent to a background check and a physician clearance if selected.
- ✓ Must be willing to do an interview
- ✓ Must get a letter of support from supervisor, if selected

If you have the desire to take on this life changing opportunity, apply today! ****Note****: Only a limited amount of slots are available and riders will be selected through an application process and panel interview. If you make it through the application process, Interviews will be Friday, November 15th, 2019. For further information, please contact Corlee Thomas-Hill @ Cherokee Choices @ (828)-359-6788 corlhill@nc-chokeee.com



@ Remember the Removal Bike Ride on <https://www.facebook.com/removal.ride> for information, pictures and blogs from past riders. <https://www.facebook.com/chokeeeridersremembertheremoval>

APPLICATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 8, 2019 BY 4:30 PM.

Applications can be hand delivered or emailed to

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NOTE: Not all applicants will be selected. Interview process will follow, and final selections will be made by an advisory committee. Interview committee reserves the right to choose applicants...Participants need to be at least 15 years and older to participate. Please attach a copy of Tribal enrollment (REQUIRED).

Name _____ DOB _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ cell _____ email address _____

School and/or work _____

Tribal Enrollment # _____ Community _____

Please type answers if possible or use clear handwriting.

Please try to limit identifying information in answers (name, parents name, etc.)

Questions:

1) Are you willing to commit to physical training and exercise? Yes
or No

2) Please describe your physical fitness activities and frequency.
Specifically, discuss your biking experience. (Note: will not be a
deciding factor for bike ride)

3) What do you know about the Trail of Tears? Do you know anything
about your family history as related to the Trail of Tears?

4) If selected, how would you give back to the Cherokee community?

5) What are your most important value and ethics that you demonstrate as a Cherokee person?

6) Describe a time when you experienced working with someone you found difficult. What made it difficult and how did you handle the situation?

7) Cycling is usually seen as an individual pursuit, why do you think teamwork is such a significant part of the Remember the Removal Ride?

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