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Newsletter for Northern Lights

The experience of
Christmas in Lapland
for seriously ill children
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Cycle to Lapland! 2235 miles on 23rd, 24th, 25th November 2012



It's a tried and tested route taken each December by Father Christmas, in a reindeer-driven sleigh and most children reach a stage where they wonder how Father Christmas manages to deliver all those presents in the space of one night, especially a man of such festive proportions.

Few however would be prepared to cycle to Lapland to prove the point, child or otherwise, but this year, the 2,235-mile flight path between Neston in Cheshire and Kittila in Lapland will be "cycled" by volunteers to raise money for the Wirral based charity Northern Lights.



But there's no need for ferries or sticking to roads, as the fundraisers will pedal the equivalent number of miles on turbo trainers over a three day period from the 23-25th November at Cheshire Oaks Designer Outlet.



With help from the Bike Factory in Chester who are supplying the turbo trainers, Northern Lights, who celebrate their 25th Anniversary this year, aim to collect funds in buckets over the three days so please come along and support this worthy charity as we try and make this



a successful event at the end of our amazing fundraising year. If you are unable to visit us during this time, you can donate via your mobile phone by texting NLCC25 and your

donation amount to 70070 e.g. **NLCC25 £5**, or click on the following link to donate using your credit or debit card via – <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/cycletolapland/90424>



We are still looking for riders to take part in the event, please contact us if you would like to take part either with your own bike on the turbo trainers or to take a slot on the exercise bike.



Northern Lights have been fund raising to send seriously ill children to Lapland since 1987 and are celebrating their 25th Anniversary in 2012. All children who are taken on this holiday are suffering from life threatening illnesses and are aged between 6 and 11. They visit Lapland on a 5 day holiday, meet the big man himself as well as riding with husky dogs, visit the reindeers, have a try on a snow mobile and complete an Arctic Circle crossing ceremony. All this happens in temperatures which sometimes reach -20 degrees, but they have fun in the snow and return more confident and definitely with a lot of stories to tell.

