

Aurora

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

Is anyone up for a cycling challenge?

Northern Lights are aiming on cycling the 2235 miles from Neston to Kittila in Lapland on turbo trainers over the weekend of the 23rd – 25th November 2012.



Northern Lights are a Wirral based children's charity who take seriously ill children from the North West of England on holidays of a life time to meet Father Christmas in Lapland and we are celebrating our 25th Anniversary this year. The children nominated for these trips are aged between 6 and 11 and are suffering from life threatening illnesses mostly cancer related. The aim of our holidays is to give them the experience of Christmas in Lapland and to gain some well-earned rest from their daily hospital routines. They visit Lapland for a 4 or 5 day holiday and meet the big man himself and experience husky dog, snow mobile and reindeer rides as well as taking part in an Arctic Circle crossing ceremony. All this happens in temperatures which can sometimes reach -20 degrees but they have fun in the snow and return more confident and definitely with a lot of stories to tell.

The aim is to have numerous teams of 5 riders cycling on turbo trainers in 1 hour slots over an 8 hour day until we reach Lapland!

Ideally we want 10 riders a day to complete 4 x 1 hour rides, one hour on and one hour off during each day. However, we understand if you cannot commit to this many hours, please let us know how long you are willing to cycle for and which day and we will work out a schedule of times.

The event is being based at Cheshire Oaks and is scheduled to start at 9am on Friday 23rd November 2012 and we hope to complete the ride sometime during the afternoon of Sunday 25th November. Turbo Trainers are being provided by



The Bike Factory and 5 riders will be able to ride at any one time under cover of a gazebo and their mileage will be tracked to show the overall distance

covered. Funds will be raised by collecting money in buckets from passing shoppers throughout the three days.

If you would like to be involved in this challenge, please send an email to the address below indicating your interest and availability over the three planned days.

Prizes for the furthest distance completed in an hour and the furthest distance travelled overall for both women and men will be available.

Many thanks in advance for your support.