

## APRIL 30 - MAY 6, 2022 : THE 26TH ANNIVERSARY KYLE PETTY CHARITY RIDE ACROSS AMERICA

As with so many events, the 26th Anniversary Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America was postponed, first from May 2020 to May 2021, then to this year. Things are now ready to roll again, as from April 30 through May 6, former NASCAR driver and NBC Sports racing analyst Kyle Petty will take 125 motorcyclists on a Southwestern adventure through Arizona and southern Utah, one of the most scenic routes in the event's history.



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Starting and ending in Phoenix—the first time ever that the Ride has started and ended in the same city—Petty and the group will cover over 1,500 miles on a seven-day trek. Highlights on the route will include lapping the track at Phoenix Raceway, riding historic Route 66, visiting Grand Canyon National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park and Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park, seeing the Grand Staircase and Humphreys Peak—and more.

Considered one of the most successful

and popular charity rides in the country, the Ride raises funds and awareness for Victory Junction, a year-round camp dedicated to providing life-changing camping experiences—exciting, fun and empowering—to enrich the lives of children (ages six to 16) with serious medical illnesses.

It costs more than \$2,500 for one child to attend the camp for a week, but no child or family incurs this cost, thanks to the generosity of corporations, organizations and individuals. Victory Junction has served as the Ride's primary beneficiary since its establishment in 2004 by Petty and his family, in honor of his late son, Adam. Thanks to the Kyle Petty Charity Ride, more than 8,210 children have attended Victory Junction at no cost to their families.

Joining Petty for the Ride are a few famous friends: NASCAR Hall of Famer and seven-time champion Richard Petty; NASCAR legends Harry Gant, Hershel McGriff, Donnie Allison and Ken Schrader; former Formula 1, Champ Car and NASCAR driver Max Papis; and NBC Sports NASCAR personality Rick Allen.

At the Ride's overnights, as well as at two or three daily pit stops, fans can show up to greet the riders, meet celebrities, purchase memorabilia and make

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Kevin Kane Photography

donations to the Ride's "Small Change. Big Impact." program. Cash or checks are accepted at all the local stops.

A complete Fan Event Schedule will be posted to the Ride's website by the end of March with exact timing, locations and pertinent details for all pit stops and overnights.

The route schedule is as follows:

**DAY 1 : SATURDAY, APRIL 30**

Phoenix to Lake Havasu City

**DAY 2 : SUNDAY, MAY 1**

Lake Havasu City to Flagstaff

**DAY 3 : MONDAY, MAY 2**

Flagstaff to Bryce Canyon City, Utah

**DAY 4 : TUESDAY, MAY 3**

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**DAY 5 : WEDNESDAY, MAY 4**

Bryce Canyon to Monument Valley

**DAY 6 : THURSDAY, MAY 5**

Monument Valley to Sedona

**DAY 7 : FRIDAY, MAY 6**

Sedona to Phoenix

The routes for the next Ride are revealed on social media each fall. Joining the Ride is an application-based process. Applications are emailed in January to those who have requested one, and the event typically reaches its 125-motorcycle capacity within a week, first come, first served (the 2022 Ride is completely full at this point). Any type of motorcycle is allowed (but no Slingshots), with a minimum five-gallon tank required (you must be able to go at least 165 miles on a tank). First-time participants complete a safety program the day before the Ride begins. The email contact to receive an application is [info@kylepettycharityride.com](mailto:info@kylepettycharityride.com)

The event website, with up-to-date pit stop and overnight details, is [kylepettycharityride.com](http://kylepettycharityride.com).

You can also donate to the Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America via the website or by calling 704-714-4545. Or you can mail a check to:

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