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TEXAS 4000 FOR CANCER SUMMER RIDE RETURNS TO THE ROAD

UT Austin Student Riders Launch 31 State Ride to Engage More People and Communities in the Fight Against Cancer

AUSTIN, TEXAS— This summer, the [Texas 4000 for Cancer](#) 2021 team of more than 80 students from The University of Texas at Austin will return to the road in the continental U.S. on the **longest annual charity bike ride in the world** that, for the first time ever, will both begin and end in Austin, Texas. The team will ride more than 4,000 miles over the course of 70-days starting on June 5th with the mission of fighting cancer by sharing hope, knowledge, and charity in more than 200 communities along four routes – [Sierra](#), [Rockies](#), [Ozarks](#), and a new route, [Smoky Mountains](#). In preparation for this year's ride, the entire team has been fully vaccinated for COVID-19 to both protect the team and the people in the communities through which they will travel. They will be following Texas 4000's safety protocols and the CDC's COVID-19 guidelines.

"All of us at Texas 4000 for Cancer realize the importance of our cancer awareness and prevention message having seen the significant drops in cancer preventive checks since the start of the global pandemic. The 2021 team knows that cancer hasn't stopped and that spreading our cancer fighting message is needed more now than ever," said Scott Crews, Texas 4000 Executive Director. "The 2021 team has persevered through many obstacles to prepare for this summer's ride and their passion for sharing hope, knowledge and charity in the fight against cancer has not diminished."

[Abbott](#), the global healthcare leader, is again the presenting sponsor for the summer ride, supporting Texas 4000 for Cancer's efforts to help people and communities become more aware of preventing cancer for a healthier life. Keith Boettiger, vice president of Abbott's neuromodulation business located in Austin, said, "These young women and men have shown tremendous dedication to the mission of fighting cancer and taking on a leadership role in their community. We are truly impressed with their leadership and commitment to spreading cancer prevention education throughout the United States. Abbott is focused on helping people live healthier lives and that is why we are proud to continue our sponsorship of the Texas 4000 to support these efforts."

For 18 years, Texas 4000 for Cancer has cultivated student leaders and engaged communities in the fight against cancer through a 4,000-mile bike ride. Each year, students from UT Austin begin an 18-month leadership development program, preparing their bodies, their minds and their hearts for this mission, which culminates in this life-changing journey. Collectively, riders

have helped **raise more than \$12.1 million dollars, pedaled more than 5.3 million collective miles and impacted countless lives.**

“These young women and men each have a story of how cancer has touched their life. They have made a commitment to make a difference in the fight against cancer which is especially important given the decreases in cancer preventative checks since the start of the pandemic,” said Kerry Rupp, Chair of the Texas 4000 Board of Directors. “I couldn’t be prouder of them and their leadership in the fight against cancer.”

ABOUT TEXAS 4000

[Texas 4000 for Cancer’s](#) mission is to cultivate student leaders and engage communities in the fight against cancer. Each year a team of dedicated University of Texas at Austin students complete a more than 4,000-mile bike ride sharing Hope, Knowledge, and Charity along the way. Over the course of their 18-month involvement with Texas 4000, riders train, fundraise, volunteer in the community, and serve in leadership roles to help plan every aspect of the summer ride. The leadership development program culminates in Texas 4000’s capstone event, a 70-day summer ride - **the longest annual charity bike ride in the world**. Since 2004, more than 980 students have completed the ride, raising over \$12.1 million and logging more than 5.3 million miles – fighting cancer every mile. Find us at texas4000.org, instagram.com/texas4000, facebook.com/texas4000 or twitter.com/Texas4000.

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TEXAS 4000

WHO WE ARE

Founded in 2004, Texas 4000 is the longest annual charity bike ride in the world. Pedaling more than 4,000 miles, Texas 4000 is a journey that takes grit, determination, and support – that's why we think of it as a metaphor for the fight against cancer.

Texas 4000 is a community of cancer fighters. We are comprised of student riders, volunteers and community supporters. All members of Texas 4000 are passionate about fighting cancer. Through fundraising, educating, and volunteering we strive to spread hope to those fighting cancer.

The Texas 4000 family also consists of those who support our cause, including our board of directors, sponsors and partners, countless host families, donors, and volunteers who help make the annual Texas 4000 ride from Austin, Texas to Anchorage, Alaska a reality every year.

OUR MISSION

Texas 4000 is dedicated to fighting cancer by sharing **HOPE, KNOWLEDGE, and CHARITY**. We cultivate the next generation to lead the fight against cancer through our cornerstone event, a more than 4,000 mile bike ride from Austin to Anchorage.

We share **HOPE** by letting those touched by cancer know that people like us are riding for them and are determined to eliminate the disease. We share **KNOWLEDGE** by bringing life-saving information about cancer prevention to communities large and small. We share **CHARITY** by making a commitment to support cancer research and lead the charge in overcoming cancer. Our goal is to ensure our fundraising dollars are donated to the most effective initiatives towards fighting cancer.

Over the past sixteen years, Texas 4000 has proudly raised more than \$9.7 million for the fight against cancer.

BIKE ROUTES

THE TEXAS 4000 TEAM

COVERS 20 STATES AND 5 CANADIAN TERRITORIES

Major Cities on the Sierra Route:

Austin, TX
Lubbock, TX
Santa Fe, NM
Flagstaff, AZ
South Lake Tahoe, CA
San Francisco, CA
Portland, OR
Seattle, WA
Vancouver, BC
Prince George, BC
Whitehorse, YT
Anchorage, AK

Major Cities on the Rockies Route :

Austin, TX
Dallas, TX
Oklahoma City, OK
Colorado Springs, CO
Denver, CO
Calgary, AB
Vancouver, BC
Prince George, BC
Whitehorse, YT
Anchorage, AK

Major Cities on the Ozarks Route :

Houston, TX
New Orleans, LA
Memphis, TN
St. Louis, MO
Chicago, IL
Milwaukee, WI
Minneapolis, MN
Whitehorse, YT
Anchorage, AK



TEXAS 4000 FUN FACTS

THE RIDE IS OVER TWICE AS LONG AS THE TOUR DE FRANCE.

THIS YEAR MARKS THE 17th ANNIVERSARY OF THE TEXAS 4000 RIDE.

Each day the team members will dedicate their rides to different people in memory or honor of a cancer fighter. This year they will dedicate the ride to more than 4,000 people.

The riders will pedal at elevations ranging from 500 feet to 14,000 feet.

The team will consume more than 10,000 energy bars and more than 700 gallons of sports drink.

THE TEAM WILL MEET THOUSANDS OF CANCER SURVIVORS TO SPREAD THEIR MESSAGE OF HOPE, KNOWLEDGE, AND CHARITY.

At their highest latitude, the riders will pedal within 300 miles of the Arctic Circle.

To date, we have raised more than \$9.7 million dollars in the fight against cancer. Proceeds support many programs, including cutting-edge cancer research initiatives at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Since inception, more than 800 team members have ridden more than 4.7 million miles.

The team rides for 70 days through rain, sleet, wind, snow, heat and any other weather imaginable. They will encounter an average of 15 thunderstorms and three hail storms.

THE TEAM WILL USE OVER 35 GALLONS OF SUNSCREEN.

The team will eat more than 5,000 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches throughout the ride.

The team changes an average of 5 flat tires each day.

The trip is more than 4,500 miles. This makes it the longest annual charity bike ride in the world.

ABOUT US



Scott Crews

Executive Director, Texas 4000

Scott Crews is the Executive Director of Texas 4000, joining the organization in January 2017. Prior to Texas 4000 for Cancer, he worked at Common Threads, a national nonprofit that teaches nutrition education and hands-on cooking to underserved children, serving as the Director of Partnerships & Engagement and a member of the senior leadership team. Scott has held multiple development positions with Make-A-Wish in Orlando, Florida, and Austin, Texas, where he worked for more than 13 years. In his previous positions, Scott oversaw corporate and individual giving, fundraising events, and boards in major cities to support the mission of those organizations.

Scott was born in Titusville, Florida, and received his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Florida.

After graduating, Scott worked for six years at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida, overseeing engineering projects on NASA facilities that were used as part of the space shuttle program and the launching of satellites. In 1997, he moved to Orlando, Florida, where Scott worked for more than three years at Foamex as an engineer overseeing the production of polyurethane foam. After founding a charity tennis tournament in 2000, he embarked upon his career in the nonprofit industry which allows him to continue his passion for helping others and giving back.

Scott lives in Austin, Texas. In his spare time, he plays tennis throughout central Texas and across the country, travels, enjoys Austin's live music, and volunteers with other organizations in Austin.



Jonathan Christopher "Chris" Condit

Founder, Texas 4000

Chris Condit is the founder of Texas 4000. As a cancer survivor himself, Chris combined two of his passions — fighting cancer and outdoor adventure — to create Texas 4000 during his senior year at the University of Texas at Austin. Texas 4000 has grown into an influential nonprofit organization that annually fights cancer. Chris served as Executive Director for Texas 4000 from 2007-2009. Prior to serving as Executive Director, he worked as a research and development engineer with CardioSpectra, Inc. where he developed endoscopic laser imaging systems for minimally invasive diagnosis of cancer, heart disease and other infirmitites. Chris currently works for Abbott as the Global Product Manager for Spinal and Deep Brain Stimulation Systems.

Condit holds a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin and filed his first patent at age 23. Conit is married with two children, Raquel and Lucy, and enjoys biking, camping, and serving his church.

THE FOLLOWING ILLUSTRATES SOME OF THE TEXAS 4000 RIDERS' NEEDS PROVIDED BY IN-KIND SPONSORSHIPS AS WELL AS VARIOUS CHALLENGES THE CYCLISTS WILL FACE ALONG THEIR AUSTIN TO ALASKA TREK:

5,700 GALLONS

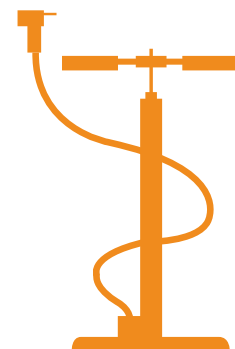
Amount of gas six 15-passenger support vans will use.
They will drive 9,500+ miles each.



Number of rest stops along the routes where riders need to replenish food and water and repair bikes

5

Average number of flat tires the team changes each day



The team rides for 70 days through rain, sleet, wind, snow, heat and any other weather imaginable. On average, they will encounter:

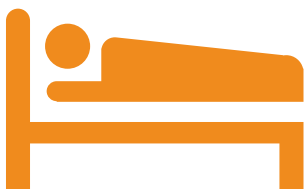
15 THUNDERSTORMS

3 HAIL STORMS

WIND GUSTS OF UP TO **40 MPH**



TEMPERATURES RANGING FROM **BELOW ZERO** TO **115°**



The team will spend approximately 30 nights camping, 16 nights in a gymnasium, 14 nights with host families, 9 nights in churches and only **ONE** night in a donated hotel room.



5,000

Number of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches the team will eat

35 GALLONS

Amount of sunscreen the team will use



The team will consume

10,000 ENERGY BARS

and drink more than **700 GALLONS** of sport drink mix.