



POSITIVEPEDALERS of CALIFORNIA

ALC 5 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR POSITIVE RIDERS, ROADIES & STAFF

ORIENTATION DAY

FIRST THING: if you want to **ride out** with Positive Pedalers on Day 1, then you need to **park your bicycle** in the PosPed section in Bay D (refer to the map on page 6 in ALC’s “Let’s Ride” brochure you received). When you come into the Cow Palace, say you are a Positive Pedaler and you’ll be directed to a separate bike parking area.

LA Riders and others who shipped their bike: Bring your bike from the McCollister’s storage area to the PosPed bike parking area.

SECOND THING: If you want to **tent** in the **PosPed section** during camp, then let them know at Tent Assignment. We have a section reserved for us with 60 tents (120 people). And make sure you do this **before 2:00 PM** (when they open up the remaining tents for general assignment).

THIRD THING: Come to the **Positive Pedaler table** in Bay F (just around the corner on the right) and meet the PosPed Board members, get your **jersey** (did you order one?), **t-shirt(s)**, and **baseball cap** (supplies are limited!). Also pick up your orange **PosPed flag** for your bike. We’ll have more copies of this newsletter, too.



DAY 1: OPENING CEREMONIES



As usual, Positive Pedalers will have a central role in Opening Ceremonies. This year, however, we have worked out a **new format** with AIDS/LifeCycle. Instead of having a select group of positive riders and roadies represent the group, we will **all** be part of the ceremony!

Before the ceremony begins, the **Riderless Bike** (for those new to the Ride, the bike is a representation of those we have lost to AIDS) will simply be stationed on the stage; there will be no procession with the bike.

At a certain point before the ceremonies actually begin, positive riders and roadies will assemble outside of the hall where the ceremony takes place, and we will be split into two groups-- so we can enter on either side of the stage.

Then a short (but strong) speech will begin. A speech of remembrance of those we have loved and lost, a

remembrance of our 25 years of struggling with this disease, that **transitions** into a speech that highlights the great strides we have made, in finding new medical breakthroughs to combat the disease, and as individuals coping and living with HIV/AIDS. The speech will end with a positive outlook for the future when there is no AIDS.

While the speech is read, as many of the 130+ Positive Pedaler riders and 60 positive roadies as possible will walk into the hall from either side and go to and along the front of the stage, with the speech timed to end when we are in front of the stage. When the speech ends, we are free to stay or rejoin our friends in the hall for the rest of the Opening Ceremony.

NOTE:

WEAR YOUR NEW POSPED JERSEY TODAY FOR MAXIMUM VISIBILITY IN THIS PROCESSION AND RIDE-OUT!

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DAY 1: RIDE OUT

As usual, positive riders will lead the way out on Day 1. For media visibility, the lead riders will have this year's new PosPed jersey-- **SO MAKE SURE YOU WEAR YOUR POSPED JERSEY TODAY!**

It may be cold in the morning, but at least for the initial ride-out from the Cow Palace, please **leave your jacket off** and show the jersey-- you can put it back on up the street!

NIGHT OF DAY 2 (King City)

Day 2, June 5, 2006, is the 25-year anniversary of the first diagnosis of the AIDS virus. There will be commemorative speeches from stage, including one from a long-term survivor of HIV/AIDS. **Please be sure to be at dinner when the speeches begin!**

NIGHT OF DAY 3 (Paso Robles)

Traditionally, on the evening of Day 3, Positive Pedalers give a major speech from the stage. This year, **Scott Campbell**, LA Board Member of Positive Pedalers will be giving the speech, preceded by an introduction by Board Member Emeritus **Bob Katz**. Toward the end of the speech, Scott will ask all people in the audience with HIV/AIDS to stand and be recognized by fellow ALC 5 participants. **You are strongly urged to be in the dining hall for the speech on Day 3!**

NIGHT OF DAY 5 (Lompoc)

Positive Pedalers **group photo shoot** this evening! We've asked for the 6:00 PM slot but stay tuned for announcements that day-- most likely in the daily newsheet.

DAY 7: CLOSING CEREMONIES (Los Angeles)

This year we'll also see changes at Closing Ceremonies.

As usual, we will all ride in at the beginning of the riders, so when you get to LA make sure you park in the Positive Pedalers bike parking for riding into the Closing Ceremony. And again for media visibility and for an impact of us all "showing the colors," **please wear your PosPed jersey on Day 7!**

And by this time we have rode along with our fellow riders for seven days in this strenuous ride, this grand fundraiser, and this statewide consciousness-raiser. All riders have truly "been in this together." So after we ride in to the front of the stage we will not have a procession, and the Riderless Bike will be on the stage. In solidarity with the rest of the riders, roadies and ALC staff, we will simply join in the closing ceremonies and celebrate our tremendous achievement-- together.



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