



Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America Celebrates 25th Anniversary with its Longest Route Ever

For the first time in the Ride's history, 250 riders will travel nearly 3,700 miles from corner to corner across the country, raising money to send kids to Victory Junction

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Mar. 5, 2019 – Former NASCAR driver and NBC Sports racing analyst Kyle Petty will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his annual [Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America](#) by leading the longest route in the Ride's history. As one of the most successful and popular charity rides in the country, the Ride will travel a true corner-to-corner route across the United States – starting in Seattle, Washington, on May 3 and ending in Key Largo, Florida, on May 11.

On this milestone anniversary route, Petty will lead 250 participants, including more than 30 new Riders, through 11 states in nine days. Presented for the seventh year in a row by Manheim®, North America's leading provider of used vehicle services and the host of two stops along the route at Manheim Seattle and Manheim Tampa, the Ride will travel nearly 3,700 miles to raise funds and awareness for [Victory Junction](#) – a camp dedicated to providing life-changing camping experiences for children with chronic or life-threatening illnesses.

Traveling from Washington to Florida, this year's trek will offer a variety of incredible scenic views. From the beauty of the Pacific Northwest and the red rock terrain in Utah, to the Colorado hot springs and Rocky Mountains, to the North Central Plains of Texas and the Louisiana bayou, and onto the Everglades and sunny Florida beaches, Petty believes this 25th Anniversary Ride will be the ride of a lifetime.

"This year's route is special because we're bringing back a few of our favorite Ride stops from past years, like Glenwood Springs, Santa Fe and Childress, but we're also adding in a bunch of new places that our Riders will love," said Petty. "I may be biased, but I believe this year's Ride will be the best ever! We've gone north to south and west to east, but never corner to corner. Seattle to the Keys is a bucket list ride and I can't wait to knock it off my list and help our Riders do the same."

Spectators along the 2019 route are encouraged to attend one of the Ride's nine overnight stops or daily fuel stops to greet Petty and the riders, purchase memorabilia and make donations.

25th Anniversary Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America Schedule:

- Day 1, Friday, May 3 – Seattle, Washington to Ontario, Oregon
- Day 2, Saturday, May 4 – Ontario, Oregon to Orem-Provo, Utah
- Day 3, Sunday, May 5 – Orem-Provo, Utah to Glenwood Springs, Colorado
- Day 4, Monday, May 6 – Glenwood Springs, Colorado to Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Day 5, Tuesday, May 7 – Santa Fe, New Mexico to Childress, Texas
- Day 6, Wednesday, May 8 – Childress, Texas to Shreveport-Bossier City, Louisiana
- Day 7, Thursday, May 9 – Shreveport-Bossier City, Louisiana to Pensacola Beach, Florida
- Day 8, Friday, May 10 – Pensacola Beach, Florida to Tampa, Florida
- Day 9, Saturday, May 11 – Tampa, Florida to Key Largo, Florida

“We have loved being a part of the Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America for the last seven years, and we’re thrilled to be back again as a sponsor,” said Grace Huang, president of Manheim. “Giving back is at the heart of what we do, and our team members at Manheim Seattle and Manheim Tampa in particular are excited to welcome Riders and the community to their locations in support of this worthwhile cause.”

Because of the Ride, 8,185 children have attended Victory Junction at no cost to their families. Last year alone, the Ride raised **\$1.3 million** and sent 100 children to Camp. Victory Junction has served as the Ride’s primary beneficiary since its establishment by Petty and his family in 2004 in honor of his late son, Adam.

Among the celebrities participating in this year’s Ride are NASCAR Hall of Famer and seven-time champion **Richard Petty**; NASCAR legends **Harry Gant**, **Hershel McGriff** and **Donnie Allison**; current NASCAR driver **David Ragan**; former Formula 1, Champ Car and NASCAR driver **Max Papis**; former NFL great and Heisman Trophy winner (1982) **Herschel Walker**; Heisman Trophy winner (1980) and Super Bowl champion (XXII) **George Rogers**; and NBC Sports NASCAR personalities **Krista Voda**, **Rutledge Wood**, and **Rick Allen**.

“It’s hard to believe it’s been 25 years since the Ride started. What started as just a few friends riding motorcycles to race tracks around the country has turned into something so much bigger than I could’ve ever imagined,” said Petty. “Because of our sponsors, fans and the people who participate in this Ride, whether they’re veteran participants or first-timers, so many deserving kids get to have the time of their life at Victory Junction each year.”

The 2019 Ride is made possible by presenting sponsor Manheim, as well as Coca-Cola, Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Dodge, Dodge Law, Racing Electronics, WinCraft Racing, FLUIDYNE Racing Products, Petty Family Foundation, Headbands of Hope, Piedmont Moving Systems, WileyX, Manafort Brothers Inc., Stock Car Steel & Aluminum, Inc., and Goody’s.

Keep up with Petty and the Ride on social media at the following accounts:

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For more information about the Ride or to donate, please visit www.kylepettycharityride.com.

About Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America

Led by former NASCAR driver and racing analyst Kyle Petty, the Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America is an annual cross-country motorcycle trek that raises funds and awareness for Victory Junction. The Ride is one of the most successful and popular charity events in the country. Now in its 25th year, more than 8,400 riders have logged 12 million cumulative motorcycle miles and raised more than \$18.5 million for Victory Junction and other children’s charities.

About Victory Junction

Victory Junction is a year-round camping environment for children, ages six to 16, with chronic medical conditions or serious illnesses. Co-founded by Kyle Petty and his family in honor of their son Adam, the camp is located in Randleman, North Carolina. Victory Junction exists to provide life-changing camping experiences that are exciting, fun and empowering, in a safe and medically-sound environment, always

free of charge. As a not-for-profit organization, the camp operates solely through the support of generous individuals, foundations, organizations and corporations to provide this experience at no charge to children and their families. Since the camp's inception, more than 28,300 children and families have received not only a circle of support but experiences thought to only be possible by healthy children. Victory Junction is a member of the SeriousFun Children's Network of Camps founded by Paul Newman, and is accredited by the rigorous guidelines of the American Camping Association. To learn more, please visit www.victoryjunction.org.

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