



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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I send greetings to those gathered for 2008 Road 2 Recovery, sponsored by the Fitness Challenge Foundation and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Our Nation is strong because of the brave men and women who have sacrificed to protect the democratic principles that are the foundation of America. Their heroism is an example for all Americans. From securing our homeland to advancing the cause of freedom, our veterans have made the world a better place. The R2R rides are an opportunity for participants to support injured military men and women in need.

I commend R2R riders and organizers and all those committed to improving the lives of disabled veterans. Your efforts help honor America's heroes.

Laura and I send our best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barack", written in a cursive style.

President Bush sends greetings to R2R

President Bush sent the attached letter sending his best wishes to all who were involved in the Road 2 Recovery. We wanted to share it with you since it arrived after we had left for DC. R2R and its participants appreciate all of the support we have received over the past 10 days.

We want to encourage everyone to spread the word about the upcoming West Coast event Sept 28- Oct 4. Please spread the word and sign up are now open.

You can read the complete Ride Blog including all links to media coverage print and video that we have found so far on the road2recovery.us.com website.....

San Francisco VA to Santa Cruz

READY...SET...PEDAL!! All cyclists begin at the VA in San Francisco and cycle down the coast into Santa Cruz, completing a total of 75 miles.



Santa Cruz to Carmel Highlands

This leg of the tour measures 55 miles and takes you through the dramatic landscape of the California countryside before resting for the night in picturesque Carmel highlands.

Carmel Highlands to San Simeon

As you negotiate your way through the scented forests of Big Sur, you will continue into San Simeon after enjoying a view of Sea Lions on the beach and of the world-renowned Hearst Castle. For those of you keeping count, you've just cycled a total of 90 miles!



View from your hotel room....

San Simeon to Pismo

Beach Absolutely beautiful. If the pedaling doesn't take your breath away, the scenery will! A mere 50 miles, this leg of the tour will allow you to soak up your surroundings as you cycle along world famous beaches.



Morro Bay

Pismo Beach to Solvang

Enjoy the breathtaking views and pleasant surroundings as you wind your way into Solvang. There really is no better place to stop and re-group than Solvang. This 65-mile leg takes in the wine country of central California made famous by the movie Sideways.

Solvang to Ventura

You're almost there! Be sure to explore the Danish-flavored town of Solvang as you make your way towards the day-end destination of Ventura. Today's total mileage is an impressive 65 miles. Great riding!



Santa Barbara

Ventura to Los Angeles VA

Congratulations! You've done it! Having cycled a final 60 miles, you will cross the finish line in Los Angeles to fanfare and an emotional welcome. A victory party will help you celebrate this unique trip and reflect on your outstanding achievement.

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