



The Remember the Removal Bike Ride Application

Sponsored by The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians & Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma

The Remember the Removal Bike Ride is a 3 week, 950 mile bicycle journey from New Echota, Georgia to Tahlequah, Oklahoma following the Northern Route of the Trail Of Tears. While on this ride, you will retrace the steps of your ancestors as they were forced to march through the wild into an unknown land. You will in some ways get to relive a part of that terrible experience and yet celebrate the human triumph of our people. Learn and utilize traditional Cherokee values to reconnect with your heritage, culture and tradition as you follow the path of ones that came before you.

Eligibility requirements:

- ☑ You must be at least 15 years of age to ride by January 1, 2018.
- ☑ **ONLY** Enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will be considered (copy of your official enrollment card is required upon applying).
- ☑ The ride is completely supported and funded, and open to any EBCI enrolled member that is interested and physically able.
- ☑ You must be willing to commit to 5 months of training leading up to the ride and the 3 weeks for the ride itself.
- ☑ Must be willing to commit up to 40 hours of education specific to Cherokee history and values.
- ☑ Must be willing to consent to a background check, if selected.
- ☑ If selected, must be willing to get and pass a physical by January 2018.
- ☑ If selected to do so, must be willing to participate in Interview process.
- ☑ Must be willing to raise money to cover all remaining costs for the trip if needed.
- ☑ Must get a letter of support from supervisor, if selected

If you have the desire to take on this life changing opportunity, apply today! **Please hand deliver or email (sheekano@nc-choerokee.com) your completed application to Cherokee Choices Program (located in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex) by 4:30 on Thursday, NOVEMBER 9, 2017. For further information, please contact Call Sheena K. Lambert @ (828)-359-6782 or Tara McCov @ (828)-359-5542.**

****Note** Only a limited amount of slots are available each year and riders will be selected through an application process and panel interview. If you make it through the application process, Interviews will be Thursday, November 16th.**



Remember the Removal Bike Ride @ <https://www.facebook.com/removal.ride> for more information, pictures and blogs from past riders.

APPLICATIONS DUE: Thursday, NOVEMBER 9, 2017 by 4:30 to Cherokee Choices (Located in the Ginger Lynn Welch Building)



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NOTE: Not all applicants will be selected. Interview process will follow and final selections will be made by an advisory committee. Interview committee reserves the right to choose applicants...Participants need to be at least 15 years and older to participate. Please attach a copy of your EBCI Tribal enrollment card.

Name _____ DOB _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone () _____ cell() _____ email address _____

School and/or work _____

Tribal Enrollment # _____ Community _____

1) Are you willing to commit to physical training and exercise? Yes or No

2) Please describe your physical fitness activities and frequency. Specifically, discuss your biking experience. (Note: will not be a deciding factor for bike ride)

3) Do you know anything about your family history as related to the 1838-1839 Trail of Tears?

4) What do you know about the Trail of Tears other than family history?

5) Describe your involvement and leadership experience in your community?

6) If selected, how would you give back to the Cherokee community?

7) Describe an experience from your life that either demonstrates your character or help shape it?

8) Write ½ page on why you want to do this bike ride