



## Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America Announces 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ride Start and End Locations and 2026 Dates

*The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ride will take place from May 1 – May 9, 2026, starting at Sonoma Raceway in Sonoma, California, and ending at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, North Carolina.*

**CHARLOTTE, N.C., July 15, 2025** – The [Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America](#) today officially announced the start and end locations, as well as the dates, for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ride. For the milestone edition, the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America will truly cross the United States, starting in Sonoma, California, on May 1, 2026, and concluding in Concord, North Carolina, on May 9, 2026.

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America will be book-ended by trips to two iconic Speedway Motorsports (SM) racetracks, Sonoma Raceway and Charlotte Motor Speedway.

The announcement was initially made on Monday, July 14, on the Kyle Petty Charity Ride social media accounts, with help from celebrity riders Richard Petty, Max Papis, Kenny Wallace, and Rutledge Wood, all of whom are expected to be part of next year's Ride. Watch the announcement [here](#).

The start and end points for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ride also replicates the first route taken by Kyle Petty and friends during the initial Ride in 1995. The first Ride kicked off May 8, 1995, following the NASCAR Cup Series race at Sonoma Raceway, and wrapped up in Charlotte eight days later.

"For the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kyle Petty Charity Ride, we wanted to make it something truly special and ride cross country once again," said Petty. "To make it even better, we are starting and finishing in the same area we did for the first Ride. We will be reliving 30 years of memories and making even more along the way.

"We have been able to work with Marcus Smith and his team at Speedway Motorsports to lock in our start and end dates at two of their premier facilities – Sonoma Raceway and Charlotte Motor Speedway," said Petty. "The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America will hit some iconic spots along the way, but to start and finish at two of my favorite racetracks will be something special for myself and each of our riders."

"The Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America has been positively impacting the lives of children and families for three decades," said Marcus Smith, President & CEO Speedway Motorsports. "We look forward to kicking off the Ride for Kyle in Sonoma and then welcoming everyone home to Charlotte after a cross-country trek of adventures."

Additional details surrounding the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America will be announced in the coming months, including overnight and fuel stops, celebrity riders, and much more.

Anyone interested in becoming a new rider for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America should send an email to [info@kylepettycharityride.com](mailto:info@kylepettycharityride.com). Applications for new riders will be distributed early January 2026.

To stay up to date with the latest news and updates about the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America, check out their posts on social media:

- **Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/kpcharityride](http://www.facebook.com/kpcharityride) and [www.facebook.com/kylepetty45](http://www.facebook.com/kylepetty45)
- **Instagram:** [www.instagram.com/kpcharityride](http://www.instagram.com/kpcharityride) and [www.instagram.com/kylepetty](http://www.instagram.com/kylepetty)
- **Twitter:** [www.twitter.com/kpcharityride](http://www.twitter.com/kpcharityride) and [www.twitter.com/kylepetty](http://www.twitter.com/kylepetty)

For more information about the Ride or to donate, please visit [www.kylepettycharityride.com](http://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. Since its inception in 1995, more than 9,575 riders have logged 13.3 million cumulative motorcycle miles and raised more than \$23 million for Victory Junction and other children's charities.

### **About Victory Junction**

Victory Junction is a year-round camp for children living with complex medical and physical conditions. Founded by Kyle Petty and his family in honor of his son Adam, Victory Junction provides life-changing experiences that are exciting, fun and empowering in a medically safe environment – always free of charge, thanks to the generosity of donors and corporate partners. Victory Junction programming is designed to build confidence and foster independence, helping children, families, and caregivers find belonging and build skills that fuel their journeys far beyond Camp. In addition to onsite sessions, Victory Junction's OUTREACH program delivers Camp experiences to children in hospitals, clinics, and community partner sites throughout the Carolinas and Virginia.

Since opening in 2004, Victory Junction has provided more than 139,000 experiences to children from all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and four countries. Victory Junction is a member of the SeriousFun Children's Network, founded by Paul Newman, and is accredited by the American Camp Association. To learn more, please visit [victoryjunction.org](http://victoryjunction.org).

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