

Blind Stokers Club (BSC)

Program Description - 2010

A program to introduce tandem bicycle touring to those with vision challenges.

Eligibility: Blind or visually impaired stokers (rear seat position), and tandem captains to team with them, in order to enjoy the simple pleasures of cycling.

The Blind Stokers Club began in December 2007 and applies principles of setting and attaining a goal, fundraising, mentoring, teamwork, along with the joy and freedom of bicycling and the adventure of travel with a group. In each of its first 2 years, BSC members pedaled over 10,000 member miles. Twenty teams (40 members) completed the 3-day Cycling for Sight (CFS) tour, and two members ascended to the 7-day 630 mile Qualcomm Million Dollar Challenge (QMDC).

Tandeming is a team sport, and requires 2 teammates (stoker and captain) to be matched in size and personality. Each stoker in the program will be matched with a captain and tandem, with the intent that all 3 participate together as a team, during training rides and events throughout the year. Each captain will serve as a cycling mentor and coach for his/her stoker teammate.

Captains and stokers will have responsibilities for maintaining communication with their partners and club-mates, and for ensuring that the 3 essential components are prepared and transported to designated activity locations for participation in rides.

Each participant makes a pledge to participate in BSC rides and activities for one calendar year.

Interested participants complete, sign, and forward the Blind Stokers Club Application and contact BSC Coordinator Dave White 619-881-5765
DWhite7@san.rr.com

Keep connected with information on the Members page (send email request or call for password) on the BSC website at <http://blindstokersclub.org>

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Stoker **Captain**

Name: _____

Address _____

Phones: _____ e-mail: _____

Height: _____ Weight _____ Date of Birth: _____

Next of Kin Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone(s): _____

Applicant's purpose for wanting to join the BSC: _____

If **Stoker**, explain sight loss (partial/total, since when): _____

If **Stoker** has a tandem, describe _____

If volunteer **Captain**, describe tandem experience and your tandem (if applicable): _____

Liability Waiver: In submitting this application, I hereby, for myself, my heirs, my executors and administrators, waive any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against any individuals associated with the Blind Stokers Club, their representatives, successors and assigns, and will hold them harmless for any and all injuries and/or damages suffered in connection with this club and related activities. I have been warned that bicycling is a dangerous sport and that I must be in good health to participate in cycling activities. I must obey all traffic laws and wear a helmet while participating in club rides. Participants under 18 years of age must have parent or guardian also sign on their behalf.

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

(If participant is under 18)

**Mail completed form to Dave White, 9560 Hiker Hill Rd, San Diego, CA 92129
or email dwhite7@san.rr.com or call 619-881-5765 for handling instructions.**