



Sense Corp Texas 4000 2009 Fun Facts

Below are a few fun facts about the riders and their trip to Anchorage. Consider the following:

- This year marks the 6th anniversary of the Texas 4000.
- In the past 6 years riders have raised more than \$1.5 million dollars in the fight against cancer. Proceeds support the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.
- In the past 6 years, 250 riders have ridden a total of more than 1.2 million miles including training and the rides.
- The trip is more than 4,500 miles, one way. This makes it the longest charity bike ride in the world.
- The ride is over twice as long as the Tour de France.
- The riders ride for 70 days through rain, sleet, wind, snow (yes, snow), heat, and any other weather imaginable. They will encounter an average of 15 thunderstorms and three hail storm.
- The riders will spend an average of three days above 115 degrees and two nights below freezing.
- The riders will pedal at elevations ranging from 500 feet to 14,000 feet.
- At their highest latitude, the riders will pedal within 300 miles of the Arctic Circle.
- The team will be joined by over 500 cyclists on the first day of their ride.
- The team will spend 30 nights camping, sleep 16 nights in a gymnasium, 14 nights with host families, 9 nights in churches and only 1 night in a hotel room, which is donated.
- The team changes an average of 5 flat tires each day.
- The team will use 4 gallons of sunscreen.
- The team will eat a total of more than 6,000 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches throughout the ride.
- The team will consume more than 10,000 energy bars and more than 700 gallons of power drinks.
- Each day the riders dedicate their rides to different people in memory of or who are battling with cancer. This year they will dedicate the ride to more than 4,000 people.
- The team will meet thousands of cancer survivors and those battling cancer to spread their message of hope, knowledge and charity.