



KONOCTI CHALLENGE

October 7, 2018

The Lakeport Rotary Club would like to welcome you to the 28th Annual Konocti Challenge cycling event! We hope that you enjoy the ride, the beautiful scenery, the yummy food and the fellowship of the day. Please note that **100%** of all the proceeds from this ride support our Club's local and international Rotary projects such as building parks, athletic fields, youth exchanges, youth scholarships, senior centers, and a long list of other worthwhile programs. The annual Rest Stop Competition was a HUGE hit with the cyclists and the non-profit organizations operating the stops. We gave over **\$8,500** to 7 worthwhile organizations and they have all been madly planning their strategies for this year's event! We are thankful for your support and additional donations are always greatly appreciated!

As you will also soon see Lake County is a breathtakingly beautiful place and we are very proud of the fact that we have the cleanest air in California many years running now so take a big gulp of that fresh, clean air. And did you know that Clear Lake is the largest natural lake in California, the oldest in North America and one of a couple oldest in the world? Another tid bit of trivia! But you'll be seeing all of that on your ride. Now onto answering every possible question that you may have.....

PARKING: The Skylark Shores Resort is located at 1120 North Main Street in Lakeport. The ride headquarters is under the giant white tent back near the shore of the lake. This is where all of the action takes place. You can park anywhere you can find a spot. None of the street parking is metered and there are plenty of side streets to park on. We ask that you leave clear the restaurant parking lots and, of course, don't park in the neighbors' driveways. There is a large lot just around the corner from the Skylark on High Street that also has plenty of room to park publicly.

CHECK IN & PACKET PICKUP: We will be open for check in on Friday from 4-7PM. If you pre-registered or purchased t-shirts, jerseys or extra BBQ's, you will have a bag there with your name on it and all of your stuff included. Inside the bag is also your ride wristband. **YOU WILL NEED TO HAVE THAT ON YOUR WRIST ALL DAY ON SATURDAY** – we'll cut it off as you go through the BBQ line. Every cyclist will be required to have a signed release in hand to pick up your bag. For all cyclists under the age of 18, we require that the release be signed by a parent or legal guardian – no exceptions. If you would like to have your release completed and ready to go to save you time, [CLICK HERE](#) and you can complete it ahead of time. You can also check in and pick up your packet on Saturday morning starting at 6AM.

JERSEYS & RIDE T-SHIRTS: If you didn't pre-purchase a jersey, we will have a limited quantity available on-site for \$80. If you didn't pre-purchase the annual ride tech tee shirt we do have them available for purchase at the event for \$10. If you purchased one as part of your registration then it will be in your rider bag. If not, we will have limited sizes and quantities for sale at the event.

FRIDAY NIGHT WINE TASTING: Back by popular demand, our 4th annual Friday Night Wine tasting is being held from 4-7PM at packet pick up. Come sample wines from our award winning wineries, talk to the wine makers all while enjoying a beautiful view of the lake enjoying fellowship with other cyclists before heading to one of our local restaurants for a nice meal. If you're looking for some ideas on where to go for dinner – [CLICK HERE](#) for our restaurant guide. The cost of the commemorative Konocti Challenge Wine glass is \$5 and the wine is FREE!

LAST MINUTE LODGING: The rooms around here do book up fast but they also get last minute cancellations. If you're looking for a spot to stay [CLICK HERE](#) for our Lodging Guide and be sure to check with the Skylark!

LOCAL BIKE SHOP: Our local bike shop, Main Street Bicycles will be open late on Friday night and will also be set up at the Skylark for any repairs or tune ups you may need. If you want to chat with them ahead of time, give Jeff a call at 707-263-3344 or visit their website <http://www.bicyclesonmain.com/index.php>. The address of their shop is 125 North Main Street in Lakeport – we sure appreciate your patronage to them!

START TIMES: This ride is challenging, so get an early start! The 100 and 65 mile riders may leave no earlier than 7:00AM but HAVE to be out by 8:30AM. The 40-mile riders must depart between 8:00AM and 10:00AM. The 20 Mile is always a fun and relaxing way to enjoy some cycling. The departure time for that ride is 10:00AM. The route maps are available on our website at www.konoctichallenge.com and also can be found at the headquarters tent. The end of the ride meal will start around noon and end promptly at 6:00PM. **ALL CYCLISTS MUST BE BACK AT THE SKYLARK BY NO LATER THAN 6PM. ** Please note: The Rest Stop closure times are noted on all of the maps. You must be at the rest stops by those times or you will need to be sag'd to the next stop.** Once you have returned, you will need to check in at THE SKYLARK SHORES RESORT AT 1120 NORTH MAIN STREET and your wristband is required for a meal so don't remove it

SAG SUPPORT – we have lots of it. If you need assistance, the signal is to point to the ground if you want the SAG to stop. Look for the SAG signs on the vehicles. Please remember to bring your own tubes – we do have a supply of those nasty little goat heads on the road and we can't provide extra tubes for everyone. You are required to obey all traffic laws and report of accidents. You must wear a helmet. If there is an emergency, call 911. Cell phone coverage in Lake County is limited, so you may need to find the nearest phone or send someone to the nearest rest stop. All of the rest stops have radios and/or cell service for communication. Remember, my cell number is on your map and on your wristband so don't hesitate to call me. Also, if you find yourself needing something like ibuprofen or a band aid (or sometimes even other obscure items) be sure to check with our SAG drivers and rest stops – they are well stocked!

SIGNAGE: All of our routes will be marked with colorful Route Arrows found in large quantity on the pavement along the routes. The color of the arrow corresponds to the color of your map and will be consistent throughout. Once you have your color, just look for that along the way and you can't miss! We'll also have a few white tent board signs along the way on those common missed corners. So if you see one of those you'll want to stop and turn around.

REST STOP LOCATION CHANGES: We are excited to announce a couple of rest stop location changes this year! If you're on the 65 or 100 mile routes you'll see that we moved several of the stops to hopefully provide a better experience and view for you! The fun and the food will be just as good as always but be sure to check your maps and watch for signage as it will be a bit different! If you're on the 100 mile that stop location change in Middletown will require you to take a bit of a different route in that location so be sure to keep your eyes peeled! [CLICK HERE](#) to check out our newly designed location stops. (40 and 20 mile routes and stop locations have not changed)

FOOD: One of the hallmark traits of our ride is our food! I'm pretty sure it's one of the few rides around that you'll actually gain weight. We start you out on Saturday morning at 6AM with a yummy continental breakfast with coffee, juice, and all sorts of yummy stuff to get your day started. All of the 7 stops are well stocked with a variety of food items including Cytomax and water at each stop. And with those zany non-profit organizations competing for your vote, you just never know what other surprises may show up! The natural lunch stops will also be providing sandwiches for you as well. And if that's not enough, the end of ride BBQ is world class for sure! Chicken and tri-tip with all the fresh fixins and yes, we will also have vegetarian options too! The bar will also be set up selling beer and our local wines. Credit cards accepted for the bar.

DROPPED CLOTHING: Since our temperatures vary so much from early AM to afternoon, we offer a service to drop your clothing at any rest stop and we'll SAG it back to the Skylark for you to pick up at the end of the day. All stops have Ziploc bags and sharpie pens. You will need to write your name and phone number LEGIBLY – YES LEGIBLY so I can read it if need be. Please, do NOT put valuables like wallets and car keys in these bags. I can't stress that part enough.

AFTER RIDE CHECK IN: Please, it is very important that you check in at the Skylark at the end of the ride and fill out the end-of-the-ride voting card. Not only do we need your feedback, but our rest stops are, once again, graciously being manned by other community service organizations and they are competing for your vote! The winning stop receives not only bragging rights, but also a cash donation to their organization, so remember your favorite one and mark your ballots accordingly. As I mentioned before - \$8,000 prize pool at stake! They all get something but 1st place is vying for \$2000!

AFTER RIDE SURVEY: On Sunday morning, you'll be receiving an email from me with a short on-line ride survey. Please, please I implore you to take a few moments to complete it. The feedback you give is not only invaluable to our ride crew but we also share the survey results with all local government entities, the Chamber, and whomever else may gain insight from us. I promise you – your feedback does make a difference (BOTH the positive and the constructive!)

PHOTOS: We will also have a couple of our Rotarian photographers travelling around capturing some fun moments from the ride. All of those pictures will be uploaded onto our [Facebook page](#) and on our website in the week or so following the ride. I'll email you and let you know when those are up and feel free to download and share free of charge!

SPONSORS: Without our sponsors we would not be able to continue doing this ride so please show them some love! [CLICK HERE](#) to check out supporters!

DID I MISS SOMETHING??? If so, let me know!

I hope you enjoy the ride and if you need anything at all, please give me a call on my cell at 707-349-0815 or find any of our Ride Staff members wearing bright blue Rotary shirts!

Happy Cycling!
Jennifer Strong ~ Ride Director
Rotary Club of Lakeport Konocti Challenge