



***2010 MS Express Scripts  
Gateway Getaway  
September 12-13, 2010***

It's that time again!!! The Steering committee has already begun planning the 26th annual Gateway Getaway Bike Tour, and we would like to invite you to come assist me in providing Motorcycle Safety Support for this bicycle-riding event.

Let me first introduce myself to those of you that don't know me. My name is Gary Deabler and I have volunteered my services as the Motorcycle Safety Support Coordinator this year and have participated as a motorcycle escort since 2000 and my fourth year as the Team Lead.



This MS150 Bike Tour is the largest fundraiser for the Gateway Area Chapter of the National MS Society. In 2008, over 1900 cyclists raised \$2.4M. We are also expanding the tour to include a shorter lower mileage loop of 35-40 miles to include cyclists who haven't participated in the past due to the high mileage of the ride.

From our last supervisory staff meeting (more commonly called "Steering Committee"), the reported number of registered riders exceeds the number of physical riders that rode on last

year's ride. The numbers keep increasing each year and thus require more volunteer's to assist the bicycles riders on the course. And with that, I will need to increase the number of Motorcycle Support Volunteers to help me.



So, with all of that being said, "We Need You!!!"



Cyclists begin at 6:30 am of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of September and end their trek at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Columbia, Missouri. *All* meals will be provided for the motorcycle escorts along with *free camping to the motorcyclists* and *generous gas cards* to offset your gas expense. If you would like to come join in on the fun, and at the same time meet some new friends, work on parking lot (slow riding) skills and be able to enjoy the camaraderie of helping for an excellent cause of trying to eliminate this debilitating disease, then come on down!

We will have a meeting Friday, Sept 11th, 2009 to go over event details, and pass out the volunteer package.

Hope to see ya there!!!

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