

school challenge

Want to use the powers of your local school, college, or university to activate and improve your community? Step up and get involved in the **Ride for Refuge**, a family-friendly fundraising bike + walk in support of local charities serving people seeking hope, safety, and freedom. Here's what you can do...



1 pick a leader

You'll need a leader, commander, captain: someone who can steer the RIDE ship and has a natural talent for bringing people together. This can be a teacher, principal, staff member, or administrator - anyone with a big heart who can get students **excited** about the RIDE.

2 connect with your local charity

Reach out to a local charity in your community that is already participating in the Ride for Refuge. You can find an official RIDE charity close to you by visiting rideforrefuge.org/locations.

Talk to them about supporting their work through your own school RIDE - they'll be overjoyed! The charity is your main RIDE contact point; they'll supply you with resources to help make your walk or bikeride fun.

3 pick a route, date, and time

Create a route for your school walk or bikeride that is easy for your students to access - in most cases, this should be on **your school's campus**. Outdoors is best (around a soccer field for example), but in a pinch you can even walk the halls or around your school's gymnasium.

Then, select a date and time that fits in well with your school's schedule. We highly recommend walking or biking **between September 18 and 22** - this is the week preceding the RIDE's official event date. Closer to the event is better.

use the tools!

The RIDE has dozens of printable materials, videos, and goodies you can use to spice up your school event - visit rideforrefuge.org/tools



4 sign up online

You're going to need a **team page** to collect online donations! The leader you've selected should be the captain of this team and the 'face' of this school event.

- **Register** online at rideforrefuge.org/register.
- Choose your location + charity, accept the waiver, and select **Start a Team** - your team name can be the name of your school, or something more fun.
- **Pick a goal!** Something that your students can get excited about and isn't too daunting.
- Under **The Challenge**, enter your school's name in 'Organization Name' and select *Community > Schools* as your category.
- Set your walk to **Offsite** since you'll be walking on your own school campus.
- Presto - you've got your own **team page link!**

5 tell people about it

Get the word out! You're riding, walking, and fundraising for the RIDE, say it loud and proud. Promote widely - share your team page link with students and encourage them to join, fundraise, and collect pledges. Hype it up, incentivize, and recognize hard workers. A few ideas to get the ball rolling:

- **Extra, Extra!** Got a newsletter? Include a story about how awesome the RIDE will be at your school!
- **Everyone Get \$50!** Encourage everyone to reach a modest minimum. Reward goal-getters with a sticker!
- **Friendly Rivalry.** Set up competitions between classes, or even challenge another school to see who can raise more for your local charity!

faqs

What about RIDE shirts?

Sorry, shirts are for participants in the **main event only!** School events will *not* be shipped boxes of shirts for event day. If students have their hearts set on earning a shirt, they are welcome to sign up online to attend a RIDE main event - they must raise \$150 to earn their shirt (\$75 if they are under 18).

What about insurance?

Our liability coverage **does not** extend to your school, nor any activity you or your participants decide to pursue. The RIDE's insurance only applies to participants attending the main event during event day, not to offsite events.

What about waivers?

RIDE Waivers are **not** required for any school-based event, since neither the local charity nor the national RIDE headquarters are extending insurance for your event. However, schools may collect their own waivers from participants if they choose to do so.

Where can we walk?

We prefer you walk **offsite** (preferably on your school's grounds), *not* at your charity's main event. Most RIDE events simply do not have the capacity to accommodate the volume of participants that schools would entail.

How do we enter pledges?

Login to your team page **Fundhub**, visit 'Enter \$\$ and Cheques', and follow the instructions to pay off the pledges by credit card. Eligible donors will automatically receive tax receipts.



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we have answers!**

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