

Tulip Pedal Frequently Asked Questions

What is Tulip Pedal?

Tulip Pedal is an annual event that raises money for the prevention of unintentional child injuries, namely bike-related injuries, and is sponsored by Safe Kids Skagit County, under the leadership of Skagit County Medic One. In other words, we raise money for bike helmets, bike-related information and programs that we disseminate to the public. Tulip Pedal is a separate event taking place during the annual Skagit Valley Tulip Festival, which draws thousands of people from around the world to Skagit County.

When did Tulip Pedal get its start?

The Tulip Pedal predates the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival by two years. Tulip Pedal began in 1982 to benefit Skagit Hospice. Since then, Tulip Pedal has had many sponsors, including Skagit Widowed Support Services, KAPS Radio, North Region EMS and Trauma Care Council, and currently, Safe Kids Skagit County. Do you have some items from previous years? Let us know.

Who can participate in this Tulip Pedal?

Anyone who is capable of riding a bike can participate.

Is there an age limit?

No, but please realize that courses are on busy roads during the most traffic-heavy time of the year in Skagit County. You may find that this is not an event for your little cyclists.

What do I get with my registration fee?

You will receive a T-shirt, a tulip courtesy of Washington Bulb Company -- one of the largest tulip growers in the world -- water and fruit, plus spectacular views of the tulip fields and the nearby Cascade mountains.

Why should I participate?

For fun, fitness and because you would otherwise get stuck in murderous traffic if you tried to get a view of the tulip fields – and who would want that?

Where can I register?

We now are taking registrations at www.active.com. You also will be able to register on the day of the ride.

Do you take credit cards?

Credit cards are taken at www.active.com. Day-of registrations must pay with cash or check only.

Where is La Conner Middle School?

La Conner Middle School is located at 503 N. 6th Street in quaint La Conner, Washington.

What if it rains?

This is the Pacific Northwest. It likely will rain. We will hold our ride regardless.

What if I break my bike, or worse, bust my noggin'?

We will have support personnel to help out with breakdowns and other problems often experienced during cycling events. Our suggestion is to be prepared. As with any emergency, medical services personnel will just be a phone call away.

Still have questions?

Contact the Safe Kids Skagit County office at billc@skagitem.com or **360-428-3236**.