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Press Release

Cranksgiving Akron

Summit Cycling Center sponsors a scavenger hunt bike ride to benefit the needy in the Akron area for the holidays.

Akron, Ohio, October 15, 2015: The Summit Cycling Center is sponsoring Cranksgiving; part bike ride, part holiday giving drive, and part scavenger hunt; on Saturday November 21, 2015. The event takes place at Summit Cycling Center at Lock 3, 200 South Main Street, Akron (Lock 3 Park level under the parking deck). This alley cat race bike ride allows members of the Akron cycling community to help the less fortunate in Akron and Summit County while enjoying the camaraderie of fellow cyclists.

Cyclists supply a bike, a bag, and about \$20 to spend on winter hats, gloves, mittens, socks and personal care items. Cyclists are given a map and manifest of items to purchase. They visit Akron area stores during the Cranksgiving ride. They return to Summit Cycling Center in downtown Akron for an awards celebration and lunch. All items collected by the cyclists are donated to the St. Bernard's Food Pantry.

Visit the Cranksgiving Akron web page at <http://summitcycling.org/cranksgiving-akron/> for event information. Cyclists can register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cranksgiving-akron-2015-tickets-19049227753>. Participants are encouraged to register in advance. Same day registration is also welcome.

About Summit Cycling Center

Summit Cycling Center is a 501 c3 non-profit, volunteer-driven, bicycle co-operative, located in downtown Akron. Our mission is to promote the use of bicycles and other human-powered vehicles as transportation alternatives. We are an urban cyclist's co-operative that provides affordably priced cycle goods and services. We recycle used bikes and refurbish them allowing members to learn about bicycle mechanics. We teach safe cycling and bicycle maintenance and repair. <http://summitcycling.org/>

About Cranksgiving

Cranksgiving was organized in 1999 in New York City by the bike messenger community as a food drive alley cat race. It has spread to over 50 cities in the United States and Canada. The idea behind an alley cat race is to mimic the bike courier's work day. During a work day, the bike messenger delivers packages at many locations throughout the city. Cranksgiving replicates that random element of the messengers work day in an enjoyable, competitive, and charitable way. Although known as an alley cat race, it is not all about speed, but also about logistic planning. Cyclists purchase items from a Cranksgiving shopping list at multiple locations between the race start and a finish. They return with the items collected during the race and donate them to the charity designated by the sponsoring organization. <http://cranksgiving.org/>

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