



Dear Friends of Chester's Harley-Davidson and Special Olympics Arizona,

As you are aware, we are busy planning and registering riders for our 9th Annual Torch Ride 2008 for the Special Olympics Arizona, which is just around the corner – Saturday, April 5th. Sign-in and registration start at 8:00 a.m. and includes a free pancake and sausage breakfast. Bikes will be lining up at 10:00 a.m. and will depart at 10:30. We encourage you to pre-register, it will save you time and money on the day of the ride. Pre-registration is \$20 per person, day of ride is \$25 per person. Visit our website at www.chestershd.com for secure online registering.

Last year, we had over 1200 riders, 500 more than what was anticipated. The growth was fantastic and it helped us raise over \$25,000 for the Special Olympics Arizona. But, it did create a few traffic snafus, specifically at intersections where law enforcement was not monitoring clear passage for riders.

This year, we have developed a plan that will eliminate those issues. We are adding 30 officers from these law enforcement agencies: AZ Department of Public Safety (DPS), Mesa Police Department, Scottsdale Police Department and the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. In addition to DPS escorting the ride, there will be a uniformed officer at all of the major and lighted intersections as well as other areas that could pose a problem.

We want to make sure all our Torch Ride participants know that there will be plenty of officers directing traffic. In Scottsdale, we anticipate the pack will be stopped periodically to allow built up traffic a chance to move on. The City of Scottsdale, along with the Scottsdale Police Department ensures us that this will be the safest way to get 1,500 motorcyclists through that area as we approach Westworld. Imagine: 1,500 motorcycles all lined up and heading down the road in a pack – it's a majestic feeling as a rider and a sight to be seen and heard for the onlookers that cheer us along the way.

This a great ride for a great cause and we are doing everything possible to make sure your participation will be positive, memorable and safe. If you have any questions please call Lori Healy at extension 222. We look forward to seeing you at our 9th Annual Torch Ride on April 5th.