

Pine Lake's bike-a-thon will aid kids

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When you think of charity events associated with one of the country's leading children's hospitals, a little city like **Pine Lake** does not usually come to mind. Until now, it has not clicked for **Pine Lake** either. But after a few years of thinking they were too small, says Peggy Paden, they decided that they could make it work for such a good cause.

The City of **Pine Lake** will hold its first St. Jude Children's Research Hospital "Wheels for Life" bike-a-thon, Oct. 3, by closing the streets around the city clubhouse. "Our city is small, but we decided we could close off clubhouse drive without cutting off emergency traffic," said coordinator Ms. Paden, who also lives in **Pine Lake**. Participants will obtain sponsors who pay \$1 for each lap traveled around the course. Prizes will be given to those reaching certain collection goals, and local businesses will donate items for goody bags that will be given to children upon completion of their rides. "I think the children are getting real interested," said Ms. Paden. "One said, 'I saw the hospital on television and they really need the money.' "

Pine Lake's bike-a-thon will be dedicated to Ryan Martin, a 6-year-old Wilm's tumor patient at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis. All event proceeds will be used for Ryan's treatment.

Legs will start pumping and sprockets will start turning at 8 a.m. Anyone can participate, and there is no deadline for registration. Latecomers can even simply show up to ride and then get sponsors later.