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Welcome to the Zebulon M. Pike Expedition Web Site!

Two centuries ago this year, an expedition under Lt. Zebulon Montgomery Pike left from their quarters near St. Louis for what would prove to be an epic adventure with profound effects on the subsequent history of the American Southwest.

Pike Enduro to Retrace Route and Raise Awareness

For fifteen days in August, endurance athlete David Pokorny will challenge Pike's route—and climb his peak—to raise awareness for those who are fighting uphill battles of another kind.



Pokorny's overland campaign, which he is calling Ride to Pike's Peak, is a biking and running endeavor beginning from Pike's jump-off point at Fort Bellefontaine August 3, and ending at the top of Pikes Peak on August 20.

While Ride to Pike's Peak commemorates the 200th anniversary of the Pike military

expedition to the American Southwest, David and his teammate (and mother) Pat Pokorny also hope to raise awareness for Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD), and the need for organ donors. Seven immediate family members were afflicted with the disease. Eight years ago PKD caused the failure of Pat's kidneys and only a kidney transplant saved her life.

The Ride to Pike's Peak will travel much of the Pike Expedition route through Missouri, Kansas and Colorado, ending at the base of Pike's Peak. On August 20, David will cap off his epic journey by running the 51st Annual Pikes Peak Marathon. Local cyclists are invited to join the ride as it enters their communities.



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Ride to Pike's Peak begins August 3 and ends August 20. David and Pat will complete the challenge as a team. David will be biking from St. Louis to Pikes Peak and running the Pikes Peak Marathon while Pat coordinates logistics, plans support and transports their RV trailer. Confirmed events include recognition at MLB games for St. Louis Cardinals (Aug 2), Kansas City Royals (Aug 6) and Colorado Rockies (Aug 17).

Approximate Schedule

August 3 – 6: Fort Bellefontaine, St. Charles, Hermann, Jefferson City, Lake of the Ozarks, Osage Villages Historic Site, Missouri (Missouri and Osage Rivers)

August 7 – 13: Wichita, Larned, Dodge City, Garden City, Kansas (Arkansas River)

August 14 – 17: Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Manitou Springs, Colorado (Arkansas River)

Additional events in St. Louis (Aug. 2), Kansas City (Aug. 6) and Denver (Aug. 17).

For details, visit <http://www.ridetopikespeak.com/>. To contact David or Pat Pokorny, send an email to pkdride@earthlink.net.

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