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Orland Park Police Ride for Special Olympics Illinois
Public Invited to Participate in 14.4-Mile Bicycling Fundraiser

Orland Park, IL – The **Orland Park Police Department** will hold its annual “**Bicycle Ride for Special Olympics Illinois**” on **Sunday, August 22**. Check-in and registration begin at 7:00 a.m. with the ride beginning at 8:00 a.m.

“This is a nicely paced bicycle ride through parts of Orland Park and the forest preserve bike trails. It’s a great way to begin the week --- a scenic Sunday morning ride,” said Chief Tim McCarthy, who has participated in the event.

The ride will begin and end at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue.

“Paddy B’s, Silver Lake Country Club and the Orland Park Lions Club have generously come on board to help with the complimentary post-ride buffet held for participants,” said Lieutenant Bob Reilly, who coordinates the event.

The 14.4-mile course will travel through Old Orland and will then connect with the Tinley Creek Forest Preserve Trails. A water stop is held midway through the ride, which is not a race.

“Our bicycle patrol officers lead the group, which is also escorted by a few squad cars. Police block off intersections as the riders pass and we remain together as a group,” Reilly noted.

Pre-registration is available until 5:00 P.M. on Friday, August 20 at the Orland Park Police Department, 15100 South Ravinia Avenue and at the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia. Registration will also be available the day of the event. The ride is open to those age twelve and older and the cost is \$20 per person. All proceeds benefit Illinois Special Olympics and all participants are strongly encouraged to wear bicycle helmets.

Further information is available by calling the Police Department’s non-emergency number, 708/349-4111 or on the village’s website at www.orland-park.il.us.

Orland Park Police squad cars block traffic as last year's bike ride participants clear an intersection. This year's ride for Illinois Special Olympics will be held August 22. Registration information is available by calling 708/349-4111.

ORLAND PARK POLICE HOLD ANNUAL BIKE RIDE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS

The Orland Park Police Department will hold its annual "Bicycle Ride for Special Olympics Illinois" on Sunday, August 22. This 14.4 mile leisurely paced ride begins and ends at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue. Check in and registration begin at 7:00 a.m. with the ride beginning at 8:00 a.m. The ride will travel Old Orland and connect to the Tinley Creek Bike Trail with a water stop midway. Participants age twelve and older are invited to participate. The cost per person is \$20 and all proceeds benefit Special Olympics Illinois. This is not a race and participants are strongly encouraged to wear helmets. Paddy B's, Silver Lake Country Club and the Orland Park Lions Club are co-sponsoring the complimentary post-ride buffet for participants. Pre-registration is available until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 20 at the Orland Park Police Department, 15100 South Ravinia Avenue and at the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. Registration will also be available the day of the event. Download a registration form at www.orland-park.il.us.