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Inaugural North American Bike Tour by Tour d'Afrique to Benefit Trips for Kids

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. December 7, 2010 - [Tour d'Afrique Ltd](#) is planning its first ever North American bike tour and has partnered with the national bike charity [Trips For Kids](#) to raise money and awareness about their bike programs that help at-risk youth.

Through the Tour d'Afrique Foundation, the riders and staff of the 2011 tour will be making donations to these Trips for Kids chapters:

- TFK Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, run by TFK volunteer Jack Harding
- [TFK Chicago Voyagers](#), a part of the Chicago Voyagers program
- TFK Pontiac, Mich., operated by the Baldwin Center
- [TFK Marin](#), San Francisco, operated by TFK founder Marilyn Price
- [TFK Tallahassee](#), Fla., operated by Ken Foster of Bicycle Tallahassee

The tour will visit each chapter along the 8,000 km (4,971 mile) route from San Francisco to St. John's, Newfoundland, to make donations and to raise awareness about the great work being done by Trips for Kids.

"Cycling is a great way to introduce kids to a healthy lifestyle and the environment," said Tour d'Afrique Foundation Director Paul McManus. "Trips for Kids Chapters are getting tens of thousands of kids on bikes that otherwise would never have the opportunity."

The Tour d'Afrique Foundation gives back to the communities each tour travels through by supporting organizations that improve people's lives through the use of a bicycle. The Foundation has donated more than 1,300 bikes and raised more than one million dollars for various charities.

The [North American Epic bike tour](#) is the latest offering from the Tour d'Afrique, well known for its epic tours in Africa, Asia, South America and Europe. Available in five sections, the full tour starts May 29, 2011 from the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco and ends 92 days later on the shores of the Atlantic in St. John's, Newfoundland. It is the longest North American tour currently available and the only tour that journeys through the U.S. and Canada.

About Trips for Kids

Trips for Kids (www.tripsforkids.org) is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization based in Marin County, California. With 69 chapters operating in the United States, Canada and Israel, Trips for Kids opens the world of cycling to at-risk youth through mountain bike rides and Earn-a-Bike programs. TFK rides are the "vehicle" through which the kids gain confidence, skills, and an appreciation for nature. TFK's after-school

Earn-a-Bike and job training programs teach kids how to build and repair bikes, while they learn the values of responsibility, patience, and hard work.

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