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Rider Profiles

Below are profiles and photos of some of the 200+ cyclists taking part in Odyssey 2000®.

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Tim M.

From: Neenah, Wisconsin

Age: 59

Occupation: Retired after 33-1/2 years as V.P. of Manufacturing for Kimberly-Clark.

Riding Odyssey 2000® with: Wife, Ann M.

Why are you participating in Odyssey 2000®?

Challenge. Opportunity to see new parts of the world. Meet people from around the world.

What are you most looking forward to?

Sleeping in tents. Coping with each day's issues. Seeing new places. Observing how people interact.

How do you think Odyssey 2000® will affect/change you?

Better physical condition, new friends, increased patience, improved self-esteem.



Valerie O.

From: Minnetonka, Minnesota

Age: 39

Occupation: Computer Systems Analyst for the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

Why are you participating in Odyssey 2000®?

Three times in my life, doctors have told me that I'd never be able to continue at the level of competitive sports I love. In 1995, I bicycled 3,800 miles across the U.S.A. in 51 days. My friends joked, "Now that you've ridden across the country, what are you going to do to top it...ride around the world?" As a matter of fact, yes!

My father died when he was 42 and I recently lost a good friend about the same age. In light of my physical setbacks and those I've known with too-short lives, I don't want to postpone my dreams for a day that might never arrive.

When I tell people about Odyssey 2000, I'm amazed by those that lament, "Oh, I could never do something like that." I ask why not? I tell them that I'm not able to do this because I'm some super-human athlete or independently wealthy. I'm doing it simply because I believe I can.

What are you most looking forward to?

I've always thought it sad there's so much to experience in this wonderful and diverse world and that few of us get that opportunity. I'm not letting my chance pass by. In 2000, I'll turn 40 and have no intention of being one who wonders "what have I done with my life?" I'll be doing it.

I'm so anxious to meet the rest of the riders and staff. What a courageous, adventurous, and vibrant group of individuals to call my new friends! These people, and those I meet along the way, will surely have a profound affect on the rest of my life.

How do you think Odyssey 2000® will affect/change you?

As I mentioned, I'll turn 40 during Odyssey 2000 and will have the best body of my life...yes! Seriously, my two-month ride across the U.S.A. already changed me in so many wonderful ways, I know Odyssey 2000 will take me to a whole other level. I just don't let life's little dramas drain my spirit. Few things are really worth getting worked up about. I truly understand that we choose what the quality our lives will be. Sometimes I feel like a gerbil on a wheel and it's time to jump off. It's so easy to become entrenched in our daily routines and never stop to consider alternative paths. I can't wait to see what life holds for me beyond 2000!



Warren D.

From: Sanibel, Florida

Age: 63



Occupation: Retired M.D.

Why are you participating in Odyssey 2000®?

Challenge, adventure, travel.

What are you most looking forward to?

Seeing new things, meeting new people, seeing the world from a different perspective, gaining a sense of accomplishment.

How do you think Odyssey 2000® will affect/change you?

1) Probably appreciate my home and current lifestyle more. 2) Open new horizons.



Willma L.

From: Middletown, Ohio

Age: 60

Occupation: Retired Executive Secretary

Riding Odyssey 2000® with: husband, Edward L.

Why are you participating in Odyssey 2000®?

Bicycling, camping out in a different place everyday, and enjoying my first year of retirement.

What are you most looking forward to?

Something Ed, my husband, and I both enjoy (meeting people, travel, and bicycling) that we can do before we are too old. Tim Kneeland's timing of this bike tour was perfect.

How do you think Odyssey 2000® will affect/change you?

Probably look at everything in a different light.

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