

2026

HONORING THE FALLEN AND THEIR FAMILIES

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Carolina Brotherhood Application Packet

June 22-27 2026

This is the Carolina Brotherhood 2026 rider application. The Executive Board has placed a cap on the number of participants and when that number is reached a waiting list will be established. This is the first step in finding those interested in participating in the ride. Not only are we looking for riders, but also support personnel. All application packets need to be filled out and returned on or before May 15, 2026.

Ride Schedule

Day 0 - June 22 - Charlotte Fire Training Academy

Day 1 - June 23 - Saluda, SC to Glendale, SC

Day 2 - June 24 - Glendale, SC to Brevard, NC

Day 3 - June 25 - Brevard, NC to Franklin, NC

Day 4 - June 26 - Franklin, NC to Fairview, NC

Day 5 - June 27 - Fairview, NC to Charlotte, NC

The following is required of ALL participants in order to participate in the Carolina Brotherhood 2025 ride:

- This is a ride to HONOR not a race.
- We will be riding bicycles averaging 80-100 miles per day
- You MUST understand and follow all procedures and guidelines
- You commit to meeting the minimum fundraising requirements of
 - o \$500.00 by June 15, 2025. This may be in the form of: Monetary, product donations and/or t-shirt sales
- Attend and assist at fundraising events
- Understand that all routes are subject to change and we have no control over the weather

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Agency: _____

Signature: _____

Carolina Brotherhood Ride 2026
Rider Registration Form

All riders must be a firefighter, a police officer or an emergency responder (active or retired) and over the age of 18 years old

Each rider is required to raise \$500 in order to participate. If you do not meet that minimum amount by the 2026 ride, you will not be able to participate.

Deadline for Application is May 15, 2026

Transportation From Charlotte:

Shuttle to _____?(circle/highlight) YES/ NO

Shuttle return to Charlotte, NC? YES/NO

Name:(last) _____(first)_____

Address:_____

City: _____ State/zip code:_____

Phone Number: _____

Email:_____

Emergency Contact:(name)_____

Relationship: _____ Phone Number: _____

Past Medical History:_____

Medications:_____

Allergies:_____

Blood Type(if known):_____

Department:_____

Rank:_____ Years of Service:_____. Initials:_____

Waiver and Release From Liability

I freely accept and voluntarily assume the risks of personal injury or property damage that may result from this potentially hazardous activity.

I, for myself, my family, and my heirs, **waive and release all claims and liability of any kind arising out of my participation and agree to hold harmless** the Carolina Brotherhood, corporate sponsors, cooperating organizations and all parties connected in any way with this event, and their successors and assigns, from any liability as a result of my participation, including those which arise out of an intentional act or omission by a person I am releasing.

I understand the inherent risks of bicycling in groups and participating in the event. **I warrant that** I am healthy and physically capable of participating in the event. My bicycle and other equipment are safe and in working condition, as evidenced by my signature below. I will observe all the rules of the ride; I understand that I represent the Carolina Brotherhood and my respective department. The Carolina Brotherhood withholds the right to dismiss anyone that may cause a disturbance during the event or disregards the rules with respect to safety. I consent to being removed from the event and being solely responsible for my own transportation home, unsupported by event staff.

I consent to medical treatment in the event of injury or illness while participating during the event. I grant permission to the Carolina Brotherhood to use my name, likeness, any photographs or any media, including video or audio, relating to the event for any purpose and on the Carolina Brotherhood website.

I certify that I am 18 years of age or older and I have read and understood the intent of this waiver and release/

Participant Name: _____

Participant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Carolina Brotherhood 2026 Safety Guidelines

- 1) Be prepared to ride 5+ hrs in all weather
- 2) Know your body!
 - Hydrate
 - Put the groups cohesiveness above your ego. If you need a break get in the medical van.
- 3) Stay together as a group
- 4) Hand signals will be reviewed the first day
- 5) Communicate often
- 6) Pull person does not leave the site until lead and back support vehicles are in position to provide traffic control
- 7) Pull person is responsible for keeping the pack tight
- 8) Limit pull time (know your body)
- 9) Maintain the line at all times
 - If you must drop out of the line be sure to communicate with the group
 - When riding in a double pull formation, keep both lines close to the shoulder
 - **Stay off the centerline!**
- 10) Do not wear headphones.
- 11) Safety is a priority
- 12) **Absolutely No Cell Phone use while on the bikes.** (I.e. Calls, Texts, Photos, Videos) We have a great team photographer to capture the moments.
- 13) We will ride as fast as the slowest rider.

I fully understand and agree to adhere to all safety rules of the Carolina Brotherhood. If I intentionally violate any of the rules, I expect to receive disciplinary action, including up to removal from the Carolina Brotherhood. If I am asked to leave the event, I will be solely responsible in finding transportation home, becoming fully unsupported by the event staff.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Carolina Brotherhood Ride 2026

Suggested Packing List

Things you may need...

- Bicycle Road/Gravel/Tri
- Spare tube (2)
- Storage tote (2)
- Pillow, bed linens, towel
- Inflatable mattress or sleeping pad
- Toiletries
- Charger for cell phone
- Police hats/fire helmets for ride in ceremony
- Helmet
- Jersey(s) - Carolina Brotherhood riding jersey (more info to follow)
- Cycling shorts
- Cycling shoes
- Cycling gloves
- Cycling socks
- Sunglasses and clear glasses
- Rain gear
- Water bottle(s) marked clearly with your name
- Permanent marker for your clothes/gear
- Chamois Butter
- Sunscreen
- Change of clothes for night
- Any personal snack food, power bars, or drink additives
- Personal prescription medications
- Health Insurance cards
- Spare parts for your bike that you know are specific to your bike(ie. Derail hanger)

Any questions you may have about what to bring, please email or call us

Initials:_____

Carolina Brotherhood 2026

Information Sheet

- All riders must be firefighters, police officers, or emergency response personnel
- Most of the communication will be done via phone or email. Please keep us up to date on any changes
- We will have a shuttle that will transport you, your bike, and your equipment from Charlotte to Saluda, SC. Let us know if you want to use the shuttle, there is a checkbox on the registration form.
- If you choose not to use the shuttle, then you will be responsible for your own transportation to the starting location.
- You are responsible for the care of your bike. Carolina Brotherhood is not responsible for any damage to your bike.
- Please ensure your bike is in safe working condition, prior to the ride.
- Each rider is required to raise \$500. This may be from monetary donations, product donations, or t-shirt sales.
- All riders must purchase at least one Carolina Brotherhood rider jersey
- Support personnel must purchase a Carolina Brotherhood t-shirt
- A support vehicle will be available the entire ride. If you need to come off the bike, you will be able to ride with the support vehicle
- You will be expected to help load and unload the gear totes each day
- We will try to find facilities for laundry, but please be aware this may not always be possible. Pack extra clothes/riding bibs.
- Private organizations will be allowing us to use their facilities to eat and sleep, Please be respectful of their property and leave it as you found it.
- You may be asked to speak with the media, if you do not wish to do this direct them to Jim Squittieri, Chris Tackson, Bill Suthard

Initials:_____

Carolina Brotherhood 2025 Ride

Riding

We will be riding with a support vehicle in the front and one in the rear of the group. Police and fire departments from local jurisdictions, if possible, will be leading us through their respective communities. When they do, they will be setting the pace at which we are to follow. Be cautious, especially when we are transitioning from one town/department to another due to the movement of apparatus. Be cautious while you are riding, we will be traveling through busy intersections and down busy streets. Do not cross the center yellow line. If vehicles are trying to pass, stay close to right hand side of the road. If a rider has a mechanical problem with his/her bike, then the entire group will pull off the road in order to fix the problem. If a rider chooses to come off his/her bike and ride in the support vehicle, then the both the rider and support vehicle will stop but the ride will continue.

Totes

Each rider will need to buy two totes. These two totes are your night totes. Use these totes to store bedding, clothes, extra supplements, spare bike parts, etc. These totes will be loaded up in the morning and you will not have access to them till we reach our stop at the end of the day. We will have day totes which will be available at each rest stop during the ride. This is a great place to store rain gear, sunscreen, supplements or anything you may need to access during the ride. Each day tote will be shared by a few riders, so space will be limited. All totes will be labeled with your name on a piece of tape on all four sides.

Rest Stops

We will try to have a rest stop approximately every 20 miles. These stops will last for about 15 to 20 minutes. You will have access to Gatorade, water, fruit, energy bars and other snacks. Day totes will also be out for you to access. This is a perfect opportunity to fill your water bottles, grab a snack, reapply sunscreen, use the bathroom, etc. In order to make it to our day's destination on time, these rest stops will be kept to the time frame. Please throw away all your trash in the provided garbage bags. Lunch time stop will last for approximately 1 hour and food will be provided to you.

Accommodations

We will be staying at a variety of locations during our journey. We will always have a roof over our heads to sleep. Our hosts will provide us with breakfast and dinner each day. You will not leave hungry. We will work to provide showers each night as well. Support personnel: When we stop at the end of the day, you may be asked to locate laundry facilities in the area.

Initials: _____

Tell Us a Little About Yourself

Information provided will help us get to know you, as well as, provide information for the website

Also, please forward a picture of yourself via email

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