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2014 Bike & Hike Aims for \$110,000

After eclipsing the \$100,000 mark for the first time in 2013, we're back at it, planning for a bigger and better Bike & Hike in 2014. New this year is a silent auction (see p. 2).



The Bike & Hike is slated for Sunday, September 7, at the **Lititz Church of the Brethren**, 300 W. Orange St., Lititz. Goals of 600 participants and \$110,000 have been set. Last year 538 participants raised more than \$104,000. Proceeds benefit COBYS ministries to children and families.

The Bike & Hike consists of a three-mile walk, 10- and 25-mile bicycle rides, and the 65-mile Dutch Country Motorcycle Ride. Participants choose their event, and then donate a registration fee, raise money from sponsors, or some of both. At the conclusion of the event, everyone gathers on the grounds at Lititz Church of

the Brethren for refreshments, fellowship, and prizes as we celebrate the outpouring of giving and thank participants and sponsors. Youth groups who raise \$1,500 or more earn a gym and pizza night.

Business sponsors have committed nearly \$20,000 so far. The Event Sponsor is **Cocalico Automotive, Inc.**, and **Hagy's Towing**. Major Sponsors are **Fillmore Container**; **The Hess Agency**; **Speedwell Construction, Inc.**; and Carl & Margaret Wenger through **The Wenger Foundation, Inc.**

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The **three-mile walk** travels through scenic Lititz Springs Park and on sidewalks through the streets of "America's Coolest Small Town."

The **10-mile bicycle ride** for kids and casual bikers is relatively flat, traveling through the countryside

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Plans Underway for First Bike & Hike Silent Auction

For the first time the Bike & Hike will include a Silent Auction of donated items.

Participants can shop before and after their walk or ride. A

sampling of donations received so far includes:

- a hand-painted vintage Harley-Davidson gas can (anonymous);

• a night's stay at the **Hurst House Bed & Breakfast;**

- a Campbell Hausfeld one-gallon air compressor and a Keurig coffee maker and coffee by J.B. Zimmerman;

- a Lancaster Beverage Dispenser, mugs, and accessories by Fillmore Container;

- a bicycle-theme gift basket by Carl & Margaret Wenger;

- theme basket of Thirty One items by Kellye Martin;

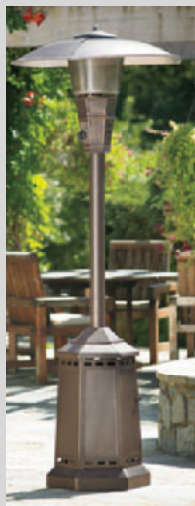
- a Living Accents patio heater by Good's Store;

- handbag by Domaki Leathers;

- a crocheted coverlet by Joan Norris; and

- tickets to the Fulton Theater (TCW Computers), Landis Valley Village & Farm Museum, and Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire (Blue Ridge Communications).

Please contact Don Fitzkee at don@cobys.org or 717-656-6580 if you have auction items to donate. Examples include merchandise, services, gift certificates, stays at vacation homes, and more. Prizes and auction items listed here and in the brochure are subject to change.



between Manheim and Lititz. Children age 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

The more challenging **25-mile route** includes some of Lancaster County's finest scenery and some moderate hills. A drink and fruit stop is provided.

This year's **motorcycle ride** travels north along some of Lancaster, Lebanon, and western Berks County's scenic roads. Sights include the Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area, historic churches and meetinghouses, beautiful farmland, and more.

Included is a break stop at

Camp Swatara's Family Camping Area.

Support vehicles follow the bicycle and motorcycle routes.

More information, including a sponsor sheet and a pre-registration form is available in the **event brochure**. Or contact, Don Fitzkee at don@cobys.org or 717-656-6580.



Considering Foster Care or Adoption?

Are you considering God's call to care for children through foster care or adoption? Attending a Resource Family Orientation Session is a great way to explore that call. COBYS offers monthly orientations at the COBYS main office, 1417 Oregon Road, Leola, and at the **Wyomissing Church of the Brethren**, 2200 State Hill Rd, Wyomissing.

Orientations are designed for families who want to learn more about **infant adoption**, **foster care**, or **adoption through foster care**. During a two-hour session, families receive an introduction to the roles, expectations, and approval process for COBYS resource families. The orientation is free and places no obligation on those attending. Child care is not provided.

Upcoming orientation dates are:

Lancaster: September 2, October 7

Wyomissing: August 12, September 9, October 14

All sessions are from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. For more information or to reserve a space for an orientation session, contact Resource Home Coordinator Katrina McLean at 717-656-6580 or careforkids@cobys.org. To learn more about foster care and adoption through COBYS, visit www.cobys.org.