

Friday, June 11

Good evening everyone!

If you've checked out my page at the KWCS, you'll know that this year I'm riding for Willa; if not, please meet Willa.



I am participating in the Tour of Hope 2021 to raise money for children like Willa who are battling cancer. Here is Willa's story:

Willa was diagnosed with an Anaplastic Ependymoma grade 3 (Brain cancer) at only 2 and half years old. She's had 2 major brain surgeries, long stays at the hospital, and radiation. She is now 6 years old and is attending school for the first time in Grade 1 and really enjoys it! She's also is a big sister and makes sure her little brother Weston stays out of trouble. Willa loves stickers, painting, helping in the kitchen, and watching some of her favorite movies with her family.

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Five of us had quite a LONG ride yesterday. Carl, one of our leaders from the Tour of Hope, 2019, is riding 100 km./day, four days in a row this weekend and I joined him and four others for a ride from the Olympiette yesterday morning. The map is attached for those of you who are interested. We had a guest rider, Ann, who was part of the Tour for a few years beginning in 2008, Andree who I've mentioned before, Carl, myself, and Rachelle, a young lady who first participated in 2019 and came up from Calgary to ride with Carl this weekend. Rachelle's story is one that you will be interested in reading. She's a lovely young woman who's working on her Master's degree at the University of Calgary and a survivor of childhood cancer.

<https://kwc.akaraisin.com/ui/toh2021/participant/5617934?Lang=en-CA>

The weather was terrific yesterday (we always mention the weather, don't we) and we had a good ride but not without incidents. Andree had reoccurring problems with her chain, Rachelle had a sore hip, and at about 50 km., Carl caught a nail in his front tire that went right through the tire and tube so he had to call it a day.



Luckily, Jaclyn and Dwight, from KWCS, were out to cheer us on and provide us with a water station at 50 km. so Dwight was able to pick Carl up, otherwise, he would have had to call a cab, an Uber, or a friend to come and get him. 📞

We women carried on with winds gusting to 20 but with sunny skies and the usual, great conversations. With all of the shenanigans, this 101 km. ride took us over 4 hours!!
Bonus nature picture .



"Sheep Stop"

You'll be hearing from me again after my ride on Monday.
Enjoy the lovely weather,
Diane

"Life Begins and Ends With Family" Melanie Alyson Callan

Windy Tour of Hope ride

