

Greetings from the 4-H, Ballroom, Bicycle Brigade!



Who are we? We are a unique group of young people, ages 8 to 18, from communities in Pasco, Pinellas, Manatee counties. We are ballroom dancers, and many of us are also bicycle enthusiasts, under the leadership of Gina Hunter. Many of us are also home-schoolers and earning high school credits with our talents.

What are we doing? We are planning a bicycle tour of the Underground Railroad in the summer of 2010. Starting with a kickoff at the St. Petersburg Classic competition next April, we will be traveling by bicycle from here to Mobile, Alabama, where we will begin following the Adventure Cycling, Under Ground Railroad tour map from Mobile Ala, to Owen Sound, Canada, for a total of approximately 2,500 miles.

Why are we going? We believe this will be an adventure of a lifetime, a test of our commitment and endurance, a great opportunity to meet people from all walks of life along the way, and not least, an unforgettable history lesson as we visit museums and historical sites along the Underground Railroad.

How will we do it? We are raising funds for our trip by performing ballroom dance shows for community groups, seeking sponsorships, and asking for donations. We will be assisted on the trip by 4-H clubs and Ballroom Dance organizations, and we will perform shows and teach dance classes whenever possible. We will be riding touring bicycles with bob trailers to bring our gear, often camping out or bunking in with the groups that are assisting us. We will have a support vehicle for supplies and assistance, and several parents will be joining us on bicycles as well. We expect to have a tour group of about 14 individuals.

What do we need? We need funds for our trip to provide food, occasional motel rooms, gas for the support vehicle, and misc. items along the way. We welcome opportunities to perform for interested groups to raise funds both here at home and along our trip. We seek sponsors, both individual and corporate, to promote our team and to assist us with fundraising. We need several bicycles to replace old or unsuitable bikes for team members, and camping and touring supplies.

How can you help? Let us know if you or someone you know may be able to help us with any aspect of our planning and fundraising.

We will be coming to your USA Dance on May 15, 2010, to perform our dance show!!

Find out more about us by visiting our web site

www.4hbbb.weebly.com

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