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### **THE PAINTED TURTLE TO HOLD ANNUAL TOUR DE TURTLE & TURTLE TREK FUNDRAISER**

*Charity Event Supports Sending Children with Serious Medical Conditions to Camp*

**Lake Hughes, CA, January 4, 2019** – **The Painted Turtle** invites community members to participate in its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour de Turtle & 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Turtle Trek on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at its campground in Lake Hughes, CA (<https://www.classy.org/event/tour-de-turtle-and-turtle-trek/e215802>). Participants will partake in activities ranging from a bike ride through the beautiful Angeles National Forest to a fun walk/run/roll around camp and a festival with lunch, live music, games, and more. Rider and volunteer fundraising goes toward sending children living with serious medical conditions to The Painted Turtle free of charge.

As a Tour de Turtle bike ride participant, cyclists can embark on one of three routes (Sport 20, Elite 36, or Pro 72 miles) that are fully staffed with SAG, support vehicles, and rest stops. Ideal for athletes and beginners alike, registration is \$25 with a \$250 fundraising commitment. The top 25 fundraisers will receive a custom jersey, and anyone who raises \$1000 or more are provided overnight accommodations at the camp.

In addition to the bike ride, there will be a 2-mile walk/run/roll event at The Painted Turtle campsite open to all ages. Perfect for families and children, the Turtle Trek will include iconic camp pit stops around camp with crafts, games, dancing, and more. Registration is \$25 and no fundraising commitment is required.

“We are so excited to once again invite our neighbors to enjoy Camp and spend a fun day being active with family and friends,” says Chris Butler, Chief Executive Officer of The Painted Turtle. “We’re proud to be a part of the Northern Los Angeles community, and our Tour de Turtle & Turtle Trek event is a great way to learn about the services we provide children and families while also coming together for a great cause.”

The Painted Turtle serves over 90 different medical conditions for children and has provided life-changing experiences for over 59,000 children and their families since 2004. A member of the Serious Fun Children’s Network, an international family of camps founded by Paul Newman, this is the only medical camp of its kind in California. Between its adaptive programming and top pediatric medical professionals volunteering their time and expertise, The Painted Turtle makes it possible for children with serious medical conditions to enjoy traditional camp activities such as fishing, boating, horseback riding, archery, high ropes, arts and crafts, woodshop, and more.

Tour de Turtle & Turtle Trek participants and volunteers can register online at <https://www.classy.org/event/tour-de-turtle-and-turtle-trek/e215802>. For more information about the event, please contact Courtney Rheuban at [courtneyr@thepaintedturtle.org](mailto:courtneyr@thepaintedturtle.org) or 310-451-1353 x112.

#### **ABOUT THE PAINTED TURTLE**

The Painted Turtle’s mission is to provide a year-round, life-changing and authentic camp experience for children with chronic and life-threatening illnesses. The Painted Turtle supports children’s medical needs, inspires them to reach beyond their illness, and provides care, education, and respite for their families. All campers and families attend free of charge. [www.thepaintedturtle.org](http://www.thepaintedturtle.org)