



# CATSKILL RECREATION CENTER

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### **The Fourth Annual Catskill Mountain Cycling Challenge was a Success**

On Sunday September 2nd, Seventy Five riders participated successfully and safely in the cycling challenge. There were three routes to choose from 29 miles, 57 miles, and a 104.2 mile route. Participation was evenly distributed between the three routes. This year the Catskill Mountain Cycling Challenge was working to raise funds for programming at the Catskill Recreation Center. One of the bigger programs that the CRC is developing is the Recreation Incentive Program. This program offers free workshops each month that introduce people to recreational opportunities such as biking, hiking, and use of the gym and pool. Participants who have never been members of the Recreation Center can earn incentive points by participating in these free workshops. These incentive points can help participants earn a free 1 month, 2 month, or 6 month membership at the Recreation Center. The CRC kicked this program off over the summer and people are really enjoying the programs. Folks so far have learned how to change a flat tire on their bicycle, use a compass, make a yarn doll, and more. We are continually accepting donations so we can make these opportunities available for everyone.

This event would not be successful without our local sponsors. The Wadler Brothers are our biggest sponsor. Their donation alone helped cover the cost of additional insurance as well as supplying food for the Feed Stations. We would like to also thank Billy from Overlook Bicycles who was our tech support person. He helped riders who needed tires pumped, peddles reattached and other minor challenges. Our other sponsors whom we are very grateful for their support are as follows. Freshtown, Erickson's Automotive, Inc., Catskill Dream Team, Tanglewood Doors, Peekamoose Restaurant and Tap Room, O'Beirne Associates, Inc. Sluiter Agency, Inc., Zen Mountain Monastery, Inc. Reliable Tent Rentals, and Energy Alternatives. Again we would not be able to hold these events without our sponsors, so thank you all.

We now have a base of dedicated volunteers who each year reach out and offer their assistance in running these cycling events. Their willingness to assist makes a world of difference. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them. Nancy Madea, Marge Miller, Pat Gonzalez, Lou Capelleo, Lenny Millen, Fred Waller, Tom Skeados, Scott Gould, David Pollack, Peter Manning, Phil O'Beirne, Doris Annabel, Kelley McGiveny, Jonathan Mogalever, Tom Skeados, Bovina UP Church, Elyse and Carl Segelken, the McGonagall family, Overlook Mountain Bikes, and Phil Darmstadt. I would also like to thank the CRC staff who lent a hand to make this event great.

For more information in regards to programming at the Catskill Recreation Center please go to our website [catskillrecreationcenter.org](http://catskillrecreationcenter.org) or call 845-586-6250.