



8th Annual Best Dam Ride challenges bikers, raises funds for burn victims

For the last eight years, biking enthusiasts throughout the Upper Savannah River region have flocked to the J. Strom Thurmond Dam to pedal their way toward a worthy cause. This year was no different.

More than 450 riders participated in the 8th Annual Best Dam Ride on April 17. The event raised more than \$12,000 for the Southeastern Firefighters' Burn Foundation, which provides assistance to patients and their families who are undergoing treatment at the Joseph M. Still Burn Center in Augusta, Ga.

Starting at the dam, the route covers two states, three counties and 12 communities surrounding Thurmond Lake. Riders could select routes anywhere from 5 miles to 100 miles to customize the ride to their fitness level. The Southern Off-Road Biking Association sponsored an off-road course for those who preferred mountain biking.

Event organizer Phil Cohen has worked with the Corps of Engineers' Thurmond team every year to plan the Best Dam Ride. "Working with the Corps has been great," he said. "All the folks up at Thurmond Lake have been very helpful in making this event a success." 🇨🇦

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