What is Ride 4 Recovery?

Ride 4 Recovery is a Narcotics Anonymous event where recovering addicts can meet and share common interests through a fun and exciting event. It is a campout that requires only a desire to not use and an attitude of recovery. Although Ride 4 Recovery does give the impression that it is a motorcycle event, it is a campout that has motorcycles! Having, or riding a motorcycle is only optional. Some of our most loyal Ride 4 Recovery attendees do not have a motorcycle or even ride one. **We do discourage the attendance of small children due to the safety issues associated with groups of motorcycles.** These machines tend to attract children to them and they have hot pipes and many moving parts that could be dangerous to children.

How did Ride 4 Recovery come about?

There were two recovering addicts who loved to ride. They were Motorcycle Enthusiast’s. Often they would attend motorcycle events, such as toy runs and other motorcycle shows and events. Every single event that they attended was strife with alcohol and drug use. Being in recovery this was not a desirable or prudent thing to do for them, probably not that safe for their recovery either. One of these toy runs that they attended in 2002 had a group of motorcycle club patch holders that were in attendance. These fellows were blatantly using during the entire run, causing some nervousness among the other riders. The addicts steered clear of this group as much as possible. Then at the end of the run, Santa, who was passing out the gifts, was fall down drunk. It was kind of an eye opener for these two recovering addicts. In May 2003 they went camping at Black Butte Reservoir and invited two friends to share a Bar-B-Q dinner at the campground. The subject of these motorcycle events came up and it was that conversation that led to the birth of Ride 4 Recovery. Our first committee meeting was in July of 2003 at the Round Table Pizza in Red Bluff. Ride 4 Recovery was born. Thanks to a conversation between Willie G., Carrie G., Marjay H., and Gordon H. we have today one of the best events in the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous!

Short History of Ride 4 Recovery

The first Ride 4 Recovery was held at Black Butte Reservoir on the last weekend in May of 2004. We had about 25 people show up for the campout and had 12 Motorcycles ride for the poker run. It was kind of disorganized, but a lot of fun. The bike games that we had were minimal, but still entertaining. The second ride for recovery had some weather issues just before the event in the form of rain, but the day the event started it cleared up and the sunshine came out to play! Today we have a strong attendance with good turnout each year, rain or shine. The mainstay of our entertainment is the bike games after the poker run. If you have never watched a slow race or bike wash games, you don’t know what you’re missing.

Ride 4 Recovery started out as a River Cities Area event. In 2007 the event was Hosted by Shasta Area and was held at Trinity Lake. 916 North Area hosted the event in 2007 and became a part of the event permanently in 2008. Lake County Area hosted the event in 2008 and is now a permanent member of
the Event Committee. Ride 4 Recovery is now an event sponsored by three areas and continually growing.

**Venues**

Ride 4 Recovery has grown enough that we have a permanent home every other year at the Sierra Bible Camp, Canyon Dam, California, located in the Sierra Mountains. The other years we consider bids from other areas to host the event. If your area is interested in hosting the event, please contact the Ride 4 Recovery. The location of the event for the next year is decided before the end of the event, announced at the main meeting on Saturday evening.