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3rd Annual LBJ 100 Bicycle Tour Set for March

Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park announces the 3rd annual LBJ 100 Bicycle Tour, “A Ride to Preserve History,” which begins on the historic LBJ Ranch airstrip near Stonewall, Texas on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. The tour provides four separate routes of 10, 30, 44 and 65 miles throughout the scenic Texas Hill Country and one special historical tour narrated by Luci Baines Johnson beginning at approximately 2 p.m. In 2009, the 2nd annual LBJ 100 Bicycle Tour had more than double the riders of the first tour in 2008.

Pre-registration is \$35.00 until March 6, when the fee increases to \$40.00. On-site registration the day of the event, beginning at 7 a.m., is also available for \$40.00. The fee includes maps, rest stops, and SAG support. If registered by March 6, the rider will also receive a T-shirt as part of the registration fee. A post-ride meal will be included in the registration fee for any of the routes. Non-riders can also purchase the post-ride meal. Registration is available online at <http://www.active.com> (search for “LBJ 100”). Pre-registration (before March 6) is also available in Houston (March 22), San Antonio (March 24), Austin (March 25), and Fredericksburg (March 26). Visit www.lbj100bicycletour.org for exact locations and times for pre-registration. This web site also has a downloadable entry form and maps, previews of the routes and downloadable GPS data. A limited number of caps and jerseys are also available for purchase.

Luci Baines Johnson’s “Historical Tour of the Ranch” is 10 miles in length and will feature her reminiscences and stories about her parents and life on the ranch in the 1960s. It includes several stops at various historic locations. This event is one that supports Ms. Johnson’s desire “to get the owners of the park to use it.”

New this year are unique rest stops at four historic Gillespie County rural schools. This exciting opportunity recognizes Lyndon Johnson’s role as “The Education President,” and is attribute to the many progressive education bills and “Great Society” legislation that was crafted during work sessions on the LBJ Ranch.

The LBJ 100 Bicycle Tour is sponsored by the Friends of Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park, the Hill Country Bicycle Touring Club, the National Park Service, and Western National Parks and Monuments Association. All net proceeds will support the educational programs and historic preservation of Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park. Previous LBJ 100 Bicycle Tour proceeds have been used to prepare and open four rooms of the Johnsons’ home, the famed “Texas White House,” to the public.

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For more information about Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park and some of its partners, including the Friends of Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park, Western National Parks Association, and LBJ State Park and Historic Site, visit the following web sites:
www.nps.gov/lyjo; www.friendsoflbjnationalpark.org; www.wnpa.org;
www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/lyndon_b_johnson.

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