

Salt Lake City Cyclist Completes 10,000-mile Tour Across the Country

Peter Hoogenboom set to ride into town on Oct. 19 for a finish line celebration

What: Peter Hoogenboom, a Salt Lake City-cyclist and University Health Care employee, will roll into town on Oct. 19, marking the end of a 10,000-mile bike tour across the United States to fulfill a lifelong dream and raise awareness about diabetes.

University Health Care employees, Utah Diabetes Center staff, friends, family and the community will welcome Hoogenboom home at a special finish line celebration.

When: Thursday, Oct. 19, 2 p.m.

Where: Utah Diabetes Center, 615 Arapeen Drive (University of Utah Research Park)

Who:

- Peter Hoogenboom
- Members of the Hoogenboom family, including Peter's wife, Pat, who drove the support vehicle for him during the tour
- Jeremy Lund, Pete's boss, and members of University Health Care's Web Team
- Stephen McBride, diabetes sales specialist, Bayer HealthCare

Details: On March 18, 2006, Hoogenboom, a 46-year-old athlete with diabetes, set out on his "Dream Tour," a seven-month, 10,000-mile bike tour that would take him through all 48 states in the continental United States.

As the winner of the 2005 Bayer Ascensia Dream Fund, Hoogenboom had an important message to share with the American people. "An athletic challenge of this magnitude shouldn't be the exception for people with diabetes," he said prior to his departure. "With proper self-management, you can do almost anything." Hoogenboom was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at the age of 14 and has used exercise, especially biking, as a way to combat complications of the disease.

Throughout the tour, he has kept a daily Web log with photos, statistics, a tour route, and details on each of his stops. For more information on his arrival and to link to his Web log, visit <http://uuhsc.utah.edu/dreamtour/>.

More information on the Bayer Ascensia Dream Fund is available at www.AscensiaDreamFund.com.

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