

**24th annual
GROUP HEALTH SEATTLE TO PORTLAND BICYCLE CLASSIC
July 12 – 13, 2003**

What: Up to 8,000 bicyclists will arrive in Portland, Oregon, on July 12 and 13, having ridden 205 miles from Seattle. The GROUP HEALTH SEATTLE TO PORTLAND BICYCLE CLASSIC (Group Health STP), produced by Cascade Bicycle Club, is the largest multi-day bicycle ride in the Northwest. Cyclists will cross the Steel Bridge to finish at the Finish Line Festival in Holladay Park.

Riders can register for \$90 (\$80 for Cascade Bicycle Club members) at Packet Pick-Up at Seattle REI through July 11

When: Saturday, July 12, 2003 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Sunday, July 13, 2003 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Where: Holladay Park (near Lloyd Center)
Portland, Oregon

Highlights:

- NEW Finish Line Festival at Holladay Park (near Lloyd Center)
- About 1,200 cyclists will ride the event in one day – a ‘double century’
- Riders are coming from 42 states, plus Bavaria, Canada, England and Ireland
- Half the riders have ridden STP previously and half are new participants
- The oldest rider is 81 years old. Ten riders are less than 10 years old. 28% of riders are female; 72% are male.
- Group Health STP is the major fundraiser for Cascade Bicycle Club, whose programs include bicycle education and safety, bicycle advocacy, and daily rides
- The course passes through Oregon communities of Rainier, St. Helens and Scappoose
- Sponsors include: Group Health Cooperative (first-ever title sponsor), Newsradio 710 KIRO, Whole Foods Market, REI, Clif Bar, Millstone Coffee, Nextel Communications, KIRO 7 TV, Phiten, Stretch Island Fruit, and Ultima Replenisher

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