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## **Yakima Hosts 2007 Northwest Tandem Rally**

Yakima, WA – Apple Valley Kiwanis is pleased to host the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Northwest Tandem Rally (NWTR) over Memorial Day Weekend, May 25<sup>th</sup>—28<sup>th</sup>. This annual event will be the first to visit the Yakima Valley and attracts approximately 400 tandem cycling teams to participate in four days of cycling, entertainment, and camaraderie.

The NWTR is an annual tandem cycling event that rotates to a different city within the Northwest every year. The NWTR has traveled extensively throughout the northwest since 1986. The event has traditionally been on Memorial Day weekend but depending on venue and calendar may also be held on Fourth of July weekend. It is organized as an all-volunteer event, designed to be family oriented and community focused. All proceeds from this year's event will return to the Yakima Area in the form of youth and community service projects sponsored by Apple Valley Kiwanis.

On Saturday the ride will begin at 9.00 a.m with a mass start next to the Yakima Convention Center. Riders will then wind through Yakima's wine country, incorporating a number of area wineries into break stops. Saturday's routes will provide opportunities to tour the areas surrounding Wapato, Zillah and Toppenish, local novelty fruit and gifts shops, and the many wineries along the way.

On Sunday, tandem riders will go through the Yakima's upper valley, through Yakima, Gleeed, Naches and Selah. Riders will have the opportunity to enjoy the ripening cherries and wild flowers in bloom.

Other weekend events will include a Sunday evening banquet, a vendor fair, and a Monday ride for non-sighted children in the Yakima Valley to ride tandem bicycles with 2007 NWTR participants.

For more information regarding the NWTR events or register for the banquet, visit [www.nwtr.org/2007](http://www.nwtr.org/2007).

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