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YES, I WANT TO HAVE FUN!

YES, I WANT TO RIDE MY BIKE AND EAT CHOCOLATE!

YES, I WANT TO SUPPORT FREE SPIRIT SIBERIAN RESCUE!

**Date:** Sunday, September 10th

**Location:** Begin and end at Morkes Chocolates  
1890 N. Rand Rd., Palatine, IL 60074

**Phone:** 847-359-3454

Register by August 26th and get a FREE T-Shirt!

☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ X-Large

**Check In/On-Site Registration:**  
7:30am at Morkes Chocolates

**Bicycle Tour Start Time:** 8:00am - 9:00am  
Event will end by noon. A Morkes van will be riding the route in case someone needs assistance.

**Distance:** Basic ride is approximately 10 miles, mostly flat. You will have the option to add more miles with the ADD ON route indicated on the map. Total potential ride is approximately 12.5 miles.



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#### About Free Spirit Siberian Rescue organization:

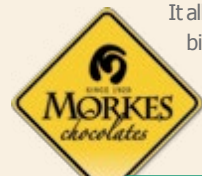
A not-for-profit, volunteer based organization dedicated to the rescue and rehoming of Siberian Huskies while improving the welfare and education for all domestic animals. Karen Ferreri-Miller founded Free Spirit Siberian Rescue in 1999. They work hard to foster respect, understanding and compassion for all creatures, and believe that all life is valuable and worthy of protection. Since the founding of Free Spirit, they have adopted more than 1070 dogs. You can learn more at [www.huskyrescue.org](http://www.huskyrescue.org). Rhonda, owner of Morkes Chocolates, adopted two huskies in March 2017.

# WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The **2017 Sweet Ride, a Palatine Chocolate Bicycle Tour**, is a unique, non-competitive adventure that takes bicyclists throughout Palatine, starting and stopping at six Palatine locations, tasting chocolate treats along the way. Palatine offers some great trails, along with a picturesque downtown area that makes this a comfortable, safe and entertaining experience. In addition, all the profits will go to an all-volunteer dog rescue organization. This event has it all – chocolate, exercise, charity, furry friends and fun! We hope you join us.

## HOW IT WORKS

It all begins (and ends) at **Morkes Chocolates** where bicyclists of all ages gather for their first chocolate taste – a fresh made, chocolate dipped donut and coffee, iced or hot tea or water. Maps will be handed out, questions will be answered and the tour begins. In addition to the tastings at each



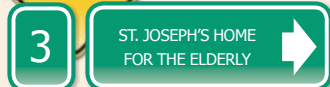
stop, you can fill your water bottles and use the bathroom facilities.

Upon exiting your ride through the Deer Grove Forest Preserve at Quentin Rd. and Dundee Rd., your second stop will be at **Grove Kitchen** family restaurant. Grove Kitchen wants you to know them as "your neighborhood place", for breakfast lunch & dinner and has daily specials made with



quality ingredients and great prices. Visit them sometime and enjoy their outdoor patio seating. They offer half-price wine on Tuesdays and a full bar. Open 7 days a week. Enjoy your next chocolate treat!

Your third stop will be at **St. Joseph's Home For The Elderly**. Open since 1966, and run by the Little Sisters of the Poor, the home offers a loving, attentive home for the needy, low income elderly from all walks of life, religions and beliefs. With over 31 locations



run by Little Sisters of the Poor around the country, Palatine is honored to have one in our neighborhood. Did you know they have their own bakery where they make cookies, etc daily which you can pick up at the front entrance? Enjoy your next chocolate treat!

**ADD ON RIDE**

If you desire, you can travel a bit west for a hilly ride through the Nature Preserve and Reservoir at Quentin and Palatine Rds. Approximately 2.5 additional miles.



Enter **Zimmer Hardware**, since 1883, and you will enter another world. As they say at Zimmer's "we do whatever it takes to help you get the job done. Whether you need materials for a large job or one small item, our qualified staff is willing to spend the time and eager to help accommodate all your material and supply needs." [www.zimmerhardware.com](http://www.zimmerhardware.com). Enjoy your next chocolate treat! Just outside of Zimmer Hardware you will have a meet and greet with some amazing Siberian Huskies and volunteers from the **Free Spirit Syberian Rescue** organization. Perhaps you will meet your next family member. [www.huskyrescue.org](http://www.huskyrescue.org).



Welcome to **Sweet C's Bakery**. Sweet C's specializes in Cakes, Cookies, and Cupcakes. They offer unique cookie flavors, moist cupcakes, and one of kind cake designs. One of the best things about Sweet C's is that they are open to any type of design and make all sorts of decorated sugar cookies for all occasions! Celia Kallenborn the owner looks forward to meeting you and making all your special occasions even sweeter! Visit Sweet C's online at [www.sweetcsbakery.com](http://www.sweetcsbakery.com).



Traveling West on Wood Street you will get to **Mike's Bike Shop**, a Palatine establishment since the 1950's. The family owned store offers an amazing selection of bikes and accessories at great prices, and employs some of the friendliest employees. If you are interested in learning more about their great rides and how they can help you improve your bicycling experiences, join their mailing list. Enjoy your next chocolate treat!



Continuing over Rt. 14 you will go west and then back north, retracing part of your route on your way back towards Morkes Chocolates. But first, make a stop at **d'vine Wine and Gifts Store** by the Ace Hardware. Proprietor Roberta is the wonderful host of this boutique wine store. Check out the fundraising options. Please go to their website at [www.d-vinewine.com](http://www.d-vinewine.com) or call 847-359-9463 for details. Wine tastings will be offered to all 21 years old or over but all family members are welcome. Enjoy your next chocolate treat!

## AFTER THE RIDE

A light, non-chocolate snack will be offered to all bicyclists.



**Are there bathrooms available during the ride?**

Bathrooms are available throughout the ride at the stops.



**What If It Rains? What If I Can't Ride A Bike?**

The Tour will still be accessible, but you'll use your car instead. Please ask for the "car" map at check-in.



## REGISTRATION

**IN STORE OR ONLINE ONLY**

Entry fee is NON-REFUNDABLE. Early Bird registration—receive a T-Shirt from Morkes Chocolates—closes August 26th. On-site registration on the day of the tour will be accepted. Waiver of liability must be signed at check-in. Children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

<b>13 Years Old and Up:</b>	\$30.00
On-Site Registration:	\$35.00
<b>6 - 12 Years Old:</b>	\$20.00
On Site Registration:	\$25.00
<b>5 Years Old and Under:</b>	Free

☐ **Individual Registration** (must be 18 years or older):

Last Name	First Name
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Family Registration:</b>	
Last Name	
1. First Name:	Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Age:
2. First Name:	Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Age:
3. First Name:	Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Age:

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