

# BIKING THE GSMNP



I'm Brett Poirier, a lifelong bicyclist, and I helped start the bicycle trips program at Nantahala Outdoor Center in 1979, which included trips on the Blue Ridge Parkway and other parts of the Great Smokies region. To mark my 60th year, I want to repeat a solo bike trip, that I did in 1982 around the Smokies, camping along the way. A week of riding the many hills and beautiful valleys in and around the Park – some 300 miles in seven days. Two of my favorite cycling friends from those NOC days 35 years ago were Mervyn Readman and Julia Hunt (along with their very young daughter, Jessica). To celebrate that long and vital friendship, I want my loop ride to gather funds, through a pledge drive, to raise money for the Julia Hunt Scholarship Fund. I would be honored to take many of you along, in this beneficial way, as I pedal the 300 miles May 28 to June 3.

The Julia Hunt Scholarship Endowment (administered by the N.C. Community Foundation) awards scholarships to Swain County residents pursuing a degree at a university or college who have volunteer experience in Swain County. The scholarship has been awarded to twenty-two (22) deserving students since its inception.

## PLEDGE FORM

*I pledge \_\_\_\_\_ per mile or a flat \$\_\_\_\_\_.*

**Notification will be sent when the ride is completed. Please provide email**

## WAYS TO GIVE

- Send check to Julia Hunt Scholarship c/o NC Community Foundation, 4601 Six Forks Rd., Suite 524, Raleigh, NC 27609
- Contribute online at: [www.nccommunityfoundation.org](http://www.nccommunityfoundation.org)

Click GIVE NOW button at very top left, scroll down and type in Julia Hunt Endowment in the second box, continue to DONATE NOW button at bottom.

- Call (800) 201-9532 for more information on donating to this worthy cause.

Thank you for participating in this worthwhile fundraiser!

*All deductions are tax-deductible within the fullest extent allowed by law.*