



2012 Team 4Mil Rider and Crew Application

****16 September 2011 Deadline****

Team 4Mil is an all volunteer, non-profit 501(c)(3), comprised of accomplished cyclists and experienced crewmembers united in their passion for the sport of cycling, deep commitment to the US Armed Forces, and to our charitable benefactor, The Wounded Warrior Project. Each year Team 4Mil enters an 8-person team into the Race Across America (RAAM). We are currently seeking applications from qualified **Racers** and **Crew** to complete our 2012 RAAM Team roster.

Race Across America (RAAM) is a 3000 mile, non-stop endurance bicycle race from Oceanside, CA to Annapolis, MD. It crosses 12 states, climbs more than 170,000 vertical feet in elevation and is a huge undertaking. The 8-person team competition is run as a non-stop relay; team members essentially rotate between riding, waiting to ride, or sleeping. The RAAM is scheduled to start in mid/late June, 2012.

Racers: Substantial riding experience is required. A competitive process is conducted to select the best qualified riders who compliment the team's goals and agree to participate in team activities throughout the year (i.e. team fund raisers, Soldier Ride activities, adaptive cycling clinics, etc.) Designated alternate riders will also be selected and may be called upon with little or no notice to ride, so it is paramount that proper fitness be maintained! Each racer is required to contribute \$1,000 as a "buy-in", which is collected in four installments of \$250.00 (on a TBD schedule). In addition, all racers, to include alternates, are required to participate in fundraising efforts to support the team's operations budget. Each racer has a "goal" minimum fundraising effort of \$5000 (can be product or money) to help support the operational budget of approximately \$75,000. Team alternates and crew will be expected to help fundraise but the "Requirement" falls on the racers. If funds are inadequate, the race team cannot compete safely. Team 4Mil leadership will provide extensive support in fundraising efforts. With a team approach and can-do attitude, fundraising has not been (in years past) and should not be a roadblock to success for the 2012 team!

Crew: While past experience supporting bicycle racing activities, specifically RAAM, is desired, we seek individuals with a strong willingness to work in a team environment. Qualities that make a good crew member include: The willingness to be part of a team, possess a positive attitude, be self motivated, and highly energetic. **It is not uncommon to operate under sleep deprived conditions during the race.** There are many jobs on the crew and they will be assigned by the Crew Chief. Examples of assignments during RAAM include: cook, driver, navigator, leadership positions, etc. However, if you have a special skill such as you are a good bike mechanic, or a masseuse, please annotate that on the application. In addition to actually being "crew" for the event, crew is asked to assist with fundraising duties as well as to participate in at least one team practice(s) or team activity before the actual race. Each crew member must have an active driver's license. If selected for crew, Team 4Mil will pay all travel expenses.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please call Jim at: 925-586-5793

I am Applying for ____ Crew or ____ Racer or ____ Both.

Name (Last, First):

Address:

City/St/Zip:

Contact Email:

Contact Phone:

Military Service Affiliation and Current Status (i.e. AF, Active)?

Highest rank obtained:

Do you have a service connected injury?

For Crew Applications

Do you have any experience supporting an athlete in an event? (if so explain)

Why do you want to be a crew member?

Are you comfortable with helping fundraise?

Are you comfortable with the need to travel to the practice weekend in April and the Race (approx 10 days in June 2011)?

Do you have any special skills that might be useful to the team? (cook, masseuse, mechanic, etc...)?

For the Racers

Why do you want to race on Team 4Mil?

Racing Experience and your racing strengths?

USA Cycling License number and current category:

Please attach your race resume (if you have one) or list your top results in the past 5 years.

Are you prepared to spend significant time helping to fundraise to meet our \$75K goal?

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