

## Crossing Canada for a cause

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For Tim Harriman no pain can match the suffering that he knows is being felt by the 10,000 kids across Canada dealing with childhood cancer.

That is why he has taken on the challenge of riding across Canada and this far along in the trip, which started in Victoria, he hasn't let constant rain, body aches, or grueling 130-kilometre days get to him.

"Even though I'm going through pain and I've got aches and pains on my body I remember that there's 10,000 kids in Canada fighting cancer and I get the honour of biking on behalf of them," said Harriman.

He is able to truly relate with what childhood cancer patients are going through because when he was 14 he fought through leukemia. Now at the age of 19 he has decided to try and make a difference by raising \$100,000 for the Childhood Cancer Foundation of Canada.



**Tim Harriman, 19, of Airdrie, Alberta was in Banff on Tuesday and again on Saturday as part of his cross Canada journey to raise money for child Cancer research.**

Photo by Brendan Nogue

"When I went through treatment I became aware of the impacts and the effects that cancer had on young people and that's when I decided that I wanted to bike across Canada for the Childhood Cancer Foundation of Canada," said Harriman.

Along the way for part of his 83-day, 7,738-kilometre journey he is also collecting cards, letters, artwork and pictures from the patients he meets and these will be given to the Prime Minister when he reaches Ottawa.

This is all in hopes to have September named Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Canada.

Harriman hopes to be finished the trip on Aug. 24 in St. John's Newfoundland having not only met the fundraising goal, but many kids dealing with the disease, whom he hopes to inspire.

"I wanted to bike from Victoria B.C. to St. John's Newfoundland just because there are kids who are effected all across Canada," said Harriman. "There are people right across Canada who are effected and they're fighting the disease right now so I wanted everybody to feel involved and to let them know that the entire country cares about what they're going through."

So far he hasn't been helped out too much by the elements on his trip meeting with rain everyday, except the first one, and not even getting tail winds from the west so far.

He has, however, had some help along the way from his parents, who are on the journey with him following in an RV. His dad drives the motor home and handles bike upkeep and maintenance while his mom is handling meals and finances for the trip.

To make donations to help Harriman reach his goal, and in turn help kids with childhood cancer, you can visit [www.spokemantour.com](http://www.spokemantour.com).

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