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Pedal power for a cause

Cancer trek

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After beating leukemia as a teen, you might expect Tim Harriman to catch up on all the stuff he missed.

This survivor, however, has more important things to do.

After three years of grueling medical treatment, including radiation straight to the brain, the 19-year-old Alberta native began training for a cross-country cycling trek just two weeks after his last treatment.

Now, two years later, he's pushing his body, mind and spirit to the limits on the Spokeman Tour to give a voice to Canada's 10,000 kids fighting cancer.

"I was a bit older when I was diagnosed, and as tough as my battle was, it was an easy walk compared to what some others kids were going through," Harriman said in Vancouver yesterday - his second official stop on his 84-day, 7,738-km bike route which kicked off in Victoria Sunday.

The ride is to raise awareness and \$100,000 for the national Childhood Cancer Foundation, and bring signed letters, pictures and messages from kids with cancer to Prime Minister Stephen Harper in the hopes of having September named Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, said Harriman.

The designation is about "letting kids with cancer know that Canada cares, and that we're going to fight this battle together."

For more information on Harriman's coast-to-coast expedition, check out www.spokemantour.com.

YOU SHOULD KNOW

- To support Harriman's hope to designate September as national Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, write a letter and send it to the Childhood Cancer Foundation at:

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