



WAM JR.

Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the Wish-A-Mile (WAM) Jr. bike tour?

WAM Jr. is a looped bike and all WAM Jr. riders are able to bike for a two-hour period from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the EATON Proving Grounds (19218 B – Drive S Marshall, MI 49068).

What does Make-A-Wish provide?

- WAM T-shirt
- A fully stocked break stop with snacks, water and Gatorade
- Smiling volunteers
- Wish Hero
- Finisher medal
- Heroes Hurrah finish line celebration
- Heroes Hurrah meal

Is there a WAM Jr. age requirement?

Yes, the WAM Junior is for children ages 5 to 13 years old.

- All riders must be able to ride independently on a bike.
- All riders regardless of age are required to raise the minimum fundraising goal.
- Parents/legal guardians of WAM Junior participants are required to be in the WAM Junior event area with their child/children at all times.
- All WAM Junior participants need a parent or legal guardian to sign the liability waiver.
- No trailers, child carriers, tag-alongs, motorized bikes, big wheels, or any equipment and accessories attached to a bicycle for transporting children or pets are allowed on the route at any time.

Are vehicles allowed on the route?

No, personal vehicles are prohibited on the WAM Jr. route.

Are parents/legal guardians allowed to walk with their child/children on the track?

No, parents/legal guardians are not allowed to walk with their child/children on the WAM Jr. route. There will be area along the WAM Jr route for spectators to cheer on WAM Jr. participants.

Are helmets required on WAM Jr.?

Yes, helmets are required to be worn by all participants when on their bike during the event.

Are motorized bikes allowed on the route?

For the safety of all participants, motorized bikes are not allowed on the route.

Are big wheels allowed on the route?

For the safety of all participants, big wheels are not allowed on the route.

Are pets allowed on the route?

Pets are not allowed on the route or at the Heroes Hurrah finish line celebration.

Can I decorate my bike?

Yes, we encourage all WAM Jr. participants to decorate their bikes for the ride. We will also provide decorations at check-in.



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Do I have to register each one of my children separately?

Yes, in order to plan accordingly each person needs to be registered for the WAM Jr. – you can register at www.wishamile.org.

Am I able to ride in WAM Jr. as a member of a team who is also participating in the WAM 300, 100 or 50?

Yes, when you register for WAM Jr. you will have the option to select how you would like to join, either as an individual, a member of an existing team, or you can create a new team. Whichever way you choose to participate in WAM, 300 rider, 50 rider, volunteer, virtual participant or junior rider you may still be part of a team.

What are the team sizes?

Super Size	100+
Extra Large	45 - 99
Large	21 - 44
Medium	11 - 20
Small	1 - 10

What are the team guidelines?

- All funds must be received by Saturday, July 25 at noon to be counted towards award designations.
- Each registered rider must have the minimum fundraising amount on their individual fundraising page at rider check-in. (\$1,200 for WAM 300 participants, \$500 for WAM 50 participants and \$50 for WAM Jr. participants). The total amount raised by the team collectively and averaged out for minimum fundraising requirements does not qualify.
- Team captains will have a 48-hour window to determine if any new rider(s) signed up on their team should stay on their roster. Team captains do receive automated emails when someone joins their team. To discuss team rosters at any time please contact Kedrin Gall at kgall@michigan.wish.org.
- Upon initial registration of your team, team captains need to pick their team size category based on how many riders you want/think you'll have for the tour. However, team rosters will be monitored and teams will be moved into the appropriate size category.
- Once team captains have given permission for a teammate to join the team they will not be dropped from the roster. If they are unable to ride their status will change to virtual rider and their fundraising money will count towards your team.
- Team captains can authorize funds to be transferred from the general team account but to uphold donor intent funds transferred from one rider to another will only be allowed to happen if the donor contacts the Foundation to give permission.
- Volunteers are welcome to be a part of team rosters and will count towards a spot on your team. Volunteers do not have a required minimum fundraising amount, although fundraising is encouraged.
- WAM Jr. participants can be added to team rosters or they can be encouraged to set up their own junior team.

What is the registration fee and is it considered a donation?

The WAM Jr. registration fee is \$10 per person and \$15 per person the day of the ride. This registration fee is not a donation, not tax-deductible and does not count towards your fundraising minimum of \$50.00. All registration fees and donations are non-refundable and fees are non-transferable.



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What if I do not raise the required minimum of \$50 for the WAM Jr.?

This amount is a requirement for all WAM Jr. participants. WAM is a fundraising event for Make-A-Wish Michigan. Its sole purpose is to raise funds to grant wishes to medically eligible children in Michigan while having an incredible tour experience. If you arrive to rider check-in without this minimum amount, you will be asked to make a donation for the remaining balance in order to ride. If your donation total is under \$50, you will not be able to participate. Due to event costs and to insure fairness and consistency to all participants, we thank you for your compliance. Each rider must have the appropriate minimum fundraising amount on their individual page to participate and not just averaged among the team.

Where do I mail in checks?

Make-A-Wish Michigan
Attn: WAM
7600 Grand River Avenue, Suite 175
Brighton, MI 48114

*Be sure to include your full name on all mailed in donations.

When will my mailed in donations show up on my webpage?

Please allow up to two weeks from the time we receive your checks for them to post to your account and webpage.

What if I have raised donations but I am unable to ride?

If at any time you realize that you are unable to ride, please contact Kedrin Gall at kgall@michigan.wish.org. You can still participate as a virtual participant. All registration fees and donations are non-refundable and the registration fee is non-transferable.

How old do I have to be to volunteer for WAM Jr.?

Volunteers must be 16 or older.

What accommodations will be made for participants with disabilities on the event?

When you register, please let us know what special accessibility accommodations you require on the event. Our goal is to make WAM accessible to all.

What is a Wish Hero?

Wish Heroes are children who have already received their wish and will serve as inspiration to riders and volunteers while on their WAM journey. All wish heroes are invited to attend the Heroes Hurrah finish line celebration to award the riders and volunteers with a completion medal.

When will I know who my Wish Hero is?

All of our 2020 Wish Hero will be matched with riders in the spring. At check-in you will receive your Wish Hero wristband.

What is Heroes Hurrah?

Heroes Hurrah is the finish line celebration for WAM. This event is complete with live entertainment, fun family activities, a delicious meal, and more. The crowning jewel is when the riders cross the finish line and are able to meet their wish hero who inspired them throughout the ride. These wish children proudly award the riders and volunteers with a WAM completion medal.



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Will you put my name on various mailing lists?

Make-A-Wish Michigan collects and maintains only personal information that is voluntarily submitted to us. We will not share personally identifiable information with a third party unless the individual submitting this information has permitted us to do so. Make-A-Wish Michigan will maintain a copy of your information and respects the privacy of their donors and participants by not selling or exchanging their names and honors all requests for anonymity.