

Cross-country cyclists build homes in NC

Bike and Build team members expected to be in Asheville Friday.

By Lauren Kostenberger
Staff Writer

Nearly 20 cyclists stopped in Chapel Hill last week as part of their trip across the country to promote affordable housing.

College students with Bike and Build, a nonprofit dedicated to helping affordable housing groups, partnered with UNC Habitat for Humanity in their quest to help affordable housing communities across the nation through bike trips.

"I'm excited," said Amy Bridges, a first-year medical student at the University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio. "It's really what we're here for."

The team expects to arrive in Asheville, N.C., for its next building project Friday.

The students, all from different universities in the U.S., are cycling 3,558 miles from Nags Head, N.C., to San Diego, Calif., and helping at Habitat for Humanity builds along the way.

Before starting their cross-country journey, participants are required to raise at least \$4,500 for affordable housing projects, complete 10 hours of volunteer work with a local affordable housing construction group and ride at least 500 miles.

Participants must also be able to log a 65-mile bike ride, the average ride distance per day on the trip.

"I've always wanted to ride across the country," said Maria Srour, a 24-year-old graduate student at Indiana University. "This seemed like the perfect way to do it."

Juliana Anselmini, a 24-year-old graduate student at Montclair State University, said she wanted to participate in the road trip to make a difference.

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24-year-old graduate student from Indiana University on the Bike and Build trip.

said.

On May 18, seven students nailed sheeting to the roof of a house in Phoenix Place, an affordable housing project in Chapel Hill. The other 12 students helped with landscaping at a house in Fairview Community in Hillsborough.

All 19 cyclists worked on the Phoenix Place project on May 19. Sadie Vo, spokeswoman for Orange County Habitat for Humanity, said UNC Habitat for Humanity and Bike and Build formed a partnership about five years ago.

"It's really great for us that they

come through because they're hard workers," she said.

She said affordable housing in communities like Phoenix Place mostly houses employees of UNC and UNC Health Care. The high cost of living in Chapel Hill makes it difficult for UNC employees to find affordable housing close to work, Vo said.

Orange County Habitat for Humanity's goal is to create affordable housing so people can live close to work in a decent house.

The Bike and Build team helped fill a gap in volunteers for UNC Habitat when UNC students left for the summer.

"It's been a blast," Vo said. "They're so passionate about what they do."

UNC Habitat generally builds two houses a year. Vo said they hope to finish the houses they started to build in the spring by midsummer.

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A group of Bike and Build students works to nail sheeting on the roof of a house in Phoenix Place on May 18 as part of their visit to Chapel Hill.

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is a 6 - For the next two weeks, you're even smarter than usual. Postpone travel for now, and keep your money in your pocket. Simple pleasures satisfy.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is a 7 - Spend some cash on your best interests. Get physical exercise, and prepare your team for the game. For the next three weeks, you'll increase profits through cleverness.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Today is a 9 - A friend of a friend is a big help. You're exceptionally smart. Find ways to cut costs and increase profits. Don't dip into savings. Follow the rules.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Today is a 9 - Accept your friends' help, even if you think you can go at it alone. Be honest if you can't keep a secret. Save as much as you can for later.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 6 - There's a lot to learn from your elders, especially for the next two weeks. Be in communication if you can't keep your promises. Passions stir. Give thanks.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is an 8 - You'll be tested to advance in your career. Don't get pushed into starting before you're ready. Take your time, get centered and go for it.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is a 7 - New financial opportunities open up as Mercury travels through Gemini. Grab them as they come. Pursue those that call to your heart the most.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a 7 - You can learn a lot from a smart partner. Reassess your assets. Upgrade your personal environment. Accept a challenge.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a 7 - Understanding what others want gets easier for a while. Listen to constructive criticism without getting hooked. Use what you learn to save money.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is an 8 - Include your team from the get go. Communication barriers disappear until the middle of June. Use what you have at your disposal to clear obstacles. Delegate.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is a 9 - You'll find it easier to communicate your feelings so take advantage. You can get a lot done, but don't get distracted. Go for excellence.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
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