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## 2024 BikeMS Suncoast Challenge

Saturday (April 20th, 2024)

**Start and Finish:**

Main Street, Lakewood Ranch

**Routes:**

Routes are in the planning stages and will be posted when available.

**It's the perfect emergency communications training without the emergency. We run a directed net complete with tactical call signs and unit tracking via APRS.**



**Bike to  
Create a world  
free of MS**

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## Amateur Radio Volunteers Needed



**New Location!  
New Name!**

**BikeMS: Suncoast Challenge  
Formerly the  
BikeMS: Citrus Tour**

**Now along Florida's west  
coast in Sarasota and  
Manatee Counties.**

**April 20th, 2024**

**For more information  
or to register go to:**

**[www.suncoastchallenge.org](http://www.suncoastchallenge.org)**

**Register Today!!!**

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## BikeMS Suncoast Challenge

We are asking for your assistance.

The BikeMS: Suncoast Challenge is one of the largest fund raiser for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (NMSS) in central Florida.

After 36 years as the BikeMS: Citrus Tour the event has been moved and re-named. It is now the BikeMS: Suncoast Challenge and will take place in Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

Proceeds from this event go to research to find a cure for MS and to helping local families effected by MS.

Amateur radio volunteers provide **ALL** route communications and mobile rider support along the courses. Most of our volunteers have been volunteering for years and some come from as far away as Miami.

We run a fully directed net complete with tactical call signs and we track units via APRS.

## Positions Needed

### Mobile Positions

- **Rover Unit**  
A rover unit is a mobile unit (personal vehicle) on the course that is unable to transport bicycles & riders.
- **SAG Unit (Support & Gear)**  
A SAG unit is a mobile unit (personal vehicle) on the course that can transport bicycles & riders.
- **Logistics Support**  
Driving Rest Stop supply trucks.
- **Shadow Unit**  
A volunteer that rides with a member of the NMSS staff or a Bicycle Mechanic to provide a direct link to that person during the event.
- **Passenger (Radio Operator, non-driver)**  
A non-driving passenger who rides in a mobile unit to provide radio communications for that unit so the driver can concentrate on the road.

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### Stationary Positions

- **Rest Stop Communicator**  
A volunteer stationed at a rest stop to communicate the needs and status of that rest stop.
- **Command Post Support**  
A volunteer stationed at the command post to assist the primary net controller.
- **Start / Finish**  
A volunteer positioned at the starting line or finish line and providing radio communications for their position.



If you or anyone you know would be interested in helping with this event, please direct them to [www.citrustour.org](http://www.citrustour.org). There they can register on the Citrus Tour volunteer website.