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Samaritan Ministries to Host 12th Annual Tour de Llama on June 13, 2026

WINSTON-SALEM, NC (MAY 20, 2026)—Samaritan Ministries will host its 12th annual Tour de Llama bike ride and fundraiser at Divine Llama Vineyards in East Bend on Saturday, June 13. All proceeds raised through rider registrations and sponsorships will help Samaritan Ministries provide food, shelter and hope through Christian love. Samaritan Ministries' goal this year for the Tour de Llama is to raise \$50,000. For every dollar raised, 83¢ goes directly toward guest services.

Cyclists can choose a 21-, 38- or 60-mile route through rural Yadkin County. All rides will begin at 8:30 a.m. After their rides, cyclists and attendees (families and friends) are welcome to stay at Divine Llama Vineyards for food trucks, wine tasting and, of course, seeing the llamas.

The registration fee per rider is \$45, and participants must be at least 18 years old. Registration is available at samaritanforsyth.org and must be completed by 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 11. All cyclists must pre-register and complete the required online waiver forms before the cutoff.

“While many people look forward to summer vacations and time with family, the hottest months of the year can be especially hard on our guests,” said Jan Kelly, Samaritan Ministries executive director. “Extreme heat increases the risk of dehydration, heat exhaustion and sun exposure for people experiencing homelessness. Our shelter remains full, and we see more families with children in the Soup Kitchen during the summer. It’s incredibly encouraging to see the cycling community come together to help meet these urgent needs.”

Arbor Investment Advisors is the presenting sponsor of the event. In addition, Ken’s Bike Shop, Divine Llama Vineyards and several other partners make this event possible. Sponsorships are available in four tier levels: Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze. Visit the Samaritan Ministries website for more information at samaritanforsyth.org, or contact Anna Rainey at 336-448-2668 or anna.rainey@samaritanforsyth.org.

About Samaritan Ministries

Founded in 1981, Samaritan Ministries is an interdenominational, volunteer-based Christian ministry that serves Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. The Samaritan Ministries Soup Kitchen and Samaritan Inn Shelter are open 365 days and nights a year to serve people in need. Samaritan Ministries is located at 414 East Northwest Boulevard near downtown Winston-Salem. For more information about Samaritan Ministries, please visit samaritanforsyth.org.

