

Please return this portion or RSVP by phone/email by 9/10 for the BBQ. You can also pledge for the bikers online at www.curefa.org under *Events* or via this direct link: <http://tinyurl.com/jacksride>

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

Can't attend but wish to donate

Will attend

of Meals _____ @\$5 each

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please return this portion with your check made payable to "FARA" to:

Lee and Ruth DeWitt

1903 Oak Squire Lane

Howell, MI 48855

Phone: 517-552-7470

Email: ruthdewitt@comcast.net

If you RSVP by phone or email, you can donate at the event if you prefer. Walk-ins are welcome, but if you know you can make it, please RSVP to help us with our count for dinner.



Event Info and Directions

- We are limiting the number of bikers to Jack and six of his friends to keep the event simple and the bikers safe. Please come to enjoy the day and help us cheer!
- The start and finish line will be at our driveway, so please help us keep that area clear.
- Please check in when you arrive for event info and door prize tickets! Walk-ins are welcome, but if you know you can make it, please RSVP so we can plan ahead.
- Our address is 1903 Oak Squire Lane Howell, MI 48855. We are on the corner of Still Valley and Oak Squire Lane. Still Valley is the second entrance to the Rolling Oaks Subdivision off of Byron Rd. north of M-59 (Highland Rd.)
- A rain date is scheduled for Saturday 9/25 from 3-7 p.m. Please be sure to include your phone number on your RSVP so we can call you if we need to postpone the event.
- There will be 2 stations along the route if you would like to cheer on the riders. After the race, the riders will vote on which cheer station was the best (loudest!) for bragging rights!

Silent auction and door prize winners will be announced at 6:30 p.m.

You're Invited!!

Sunday 9/19/10

3:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Jack's RIDE FOR FA and Backyard BBQ



Come cheer on
Jack and his friends
as they ride to
support FARA

FARA | Friedrich's
Ataxia
Research
Alliance

Please join us for an afternoon of friendship, fun and food while we cheer for Jack and six of his friends on their 5-mile bike ride through the Rolling Oaks Subdivision!

Backyard BBQ Details:

- * Decorate signs for the route
- * BBQ buffet starts at 4:00 p.m.
- * Bike ride starts at 5:00 p.m.
- * Face painting & tattoos
- * Door prizes
- * Silent auction items
- * Rain date: Saturday 9/25/10

We are humbly requesting a \$5 per person donation to FARA for the BBQ. Jack is also seeking pledges for his ride if you are unable to attend or would like to do both.

All proceeds benefit FARA, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Your contribution is fully tax deductible. Please see the back for RSVP information.

thank you,
jack

Dear family and friends,

In April 2010, Jack (10) was diagnosed with Friedreich's Ataxia (FA), a rare disease that we never knew existed. We soon discovered that there are many orphan diseases like FA, too many. Our search led us to FARA, a great organization dedicated to finding a cure.

In June we traveled to Philadelphia to see an FA specialist. During the trip, we witnessed an amazing FARA event. A team of four FARA riders was biking in the grueling Race Across America, the world's toughest bike race. In 8 days, 8 hours and 14 minutes they biked 3000 miles across our country. They rode in shifts, 24 hours a day, to raise awareness for FA and to take on this awesome challenge.

Along their route, we met Kyle Bryant, who, along with one other team member, has FA. When Jack met Kyle and saw him riding his trike, he promised that he would do a bike ride for FARA too. You can check out the upcoming documentary about Kyle's journey at <http://theataxian.com/>.

Since our return, Jack has been training to bike 5 miles in our neighborhood to support FARA. While we are eager to raise funds for research, helping Jack reach his goal and keep his promise to Kyle is just as important to us. We hope you can join us to cheer them on and to celebrate when they reach the finish line! *Lee and Ruth*



For more information please visit:
<http://www.curefa.org>

Facts about Friedreich's Ataxia and FARA

Friedreich's Ataxia (FA) is a rare, genetic, neurodegenerative, multi-system, life-altering disorder. About 1 in 50,000 people in the U.S. have FA. Symptoms include: muscle weakness and loss of coordination (ataxia) in the arms and legs, slurred speech, vision impairment, aggressive scoliosis and a serious heart threat (hypertrophic cardiomyopathy). For most, progressive loss of muscle strength and control leads to full time use of a wheelchair.

FARA is dedicated to accelerating research leading to treatment, cure and elimination of FA. FARA's mission is to marshal and focus the resources and relationships needed to cure FA by raising funds for research, promoting public awareness, and aligning scientists, patients, clinicians, government agencies, pharmaceutical companies and other organizations dedicated to curing FA and related diseases.