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# City to host 'Hope' cyclists

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A team of 35 cyclists traveling across the U.S. to raise money for the disabled will stop off in Lake Havasu City this weekend. Local volunteers will give the cyclists, all of whom are male college students, a welcoming reception Sunday at the London Bridge Resort Convention Center, 1477 Queens Bay, at 12:30 p.m., followed by a community dinner at 5:30 at the Aquatic Center, 100 Park Ave. The cyclists will be about 900 miles into their 4,000-mile trek when they pull into town. The tour, called Journey of Hope, raises more than \$500,000 annually. "Once you meet them, you'll be inspired. They're just terrific, inspiring young men," said Brigid Stevens, who is helping coordinate the reception and dinner. "They're tomorrow's future. It's nice to have this caliber of young men in our town." The city has hosted the cyclists since 2001. They will stay at the Aquatic Center Sunday and Monday before departing Tuesday morning, Stevens said. The **London Bridge Yacht Club** will take them on a tour of the lake before Sunday's community dinner. The cyclists will spend Monday morning at the New Horizons Center, meeting and talking with people with developmental disabilities. They also will have some free time to roam the town. "They're In-N-Out junkies. You can probably bank on seeing them at In-N-Out Burger," Stevens said. The cyclists will have a police escort when they pull into town. Fire crews will line State Route 95, cheering them on, Stevens said. Organizers anticipate at least 300 people will attend Sunday's community dinner, which is free and open to everyone. The trip began June 10 in San Francisco and ends Aug. 12 in Washington, D.C. Pi Kappa Phi, a nationwide fraternity, helps organize the event along with Push America, a nationwide nonprofit. There are two other Journey of Hope teams, each taking a different route to Washington. Each cyclist must raise \$5,000, which then is doled out to various organizations via grants. Go to [www.pushamerica.org](http://www.pushamerica.org) to learn more.