

# B.A.C.A.® 100-Mile Ride

## B.A.C.A.® (BIKERS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE®)

had their annual 100-mile Ride and it was a great success. **B.A.C.A.®** Members & Supporters went camping over the weekend of May 15-17. They do this for some camaraderie... brotherhood & sisterhood. Not only does this getaway strengthen their bonds of friendship to be able to show a strong united front in the good works that they do, but also helps recharge their batteries ~ as what they do for the children they help can be very emotionally draining.

These VOLUNTEERS reach out to wounded children & bring them in to the protective circle of the **B.A.C.A.®** organization. They also do presentations & events to create more awareness about child abuse, and raise much-needed funds to help their kids.

My thanks to Nytro, Arizona's **B.A.C.A.®** PR & Events Coordinator, for her help with this report.

This time they camped down in McNeal Arizona at the Double Adobe Campground. Nytro shared some details about the weekend, "This camp ground was absolutely awesome to camp at and great to us. They treated us tremendously. We all went down on Friday had some down time & fun after we all got our tents up..."-). We had music, food, camp fire, and fun.

"On Saturday the 16th we were all up early in the morning and rode into a town called Douglas. They had a town fair there, so we came upon it & walked around talking to the townspeople. Some of my brothers & sisters got out on the court yard where the band was playing and were dancing with everyone. We reached children that day and it was a

huge awareness again."

The origin of the '100-Mile Ride' was to ride to some location where the message of child abuse awareness would make a strong statement, whether to a group home, through a local park, to a state agency, a town gathering, etc. This Ride is a minimum of 100 miles for that day... hence the name '100 Mile Ride'. Each **B.A.C.A.®** Member and Supporter collects donation pledges on a per-mile basis; with the goal being a minimum of \$100 in pledges per rider. The fundraiser remains, plus the 100-mile ride has grown to a weekend gathering of **B.A.C.A.®** personnel.

This annual event has been going on for at least 10 years, according to Nytro... and every Chapter *internationally* does this on the *same* weekend. Each chapter within the state hosts it for two years; with responsibility for all the planning & organizing. Next year the new Black Canyon Chapter will host it for the next two years. The BC Chapter is based on the West side of Phoenix.

Because **B.A.C.A.®** is a 501-c-3 Non-Profit International Organization, all donations are 100% tax deductible. 80% of monies raised stays with the Chapter, to go toward child therapy outlets. In addition to traditional therapy sessions for those who don't financially qualify for assistance, this can be classes such as karate, dance, cheerleading, or whatever may help these children to feel better about themselves & empowered. **B.A.C.A.®** hosts parties for the children & their caregivers; such as a summer pool party & a winter party & visit from Santa. **B.A.C.A.®** kids also receive keepsakes... a vest, patches, doo-rag, etc to remind them that they are part of the **B.A.C.A.®** family. The other 20% goes toward starting up new Chapters, printing costs for information pamphlets, the 1-800#s so anyone can call upon them if needed, website expenses, postage, and other administrative expenses.

**B.A.C.A.®** is neither a gang nor a club... **BIKERS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE®** is a 501-c-3 that exists to provide aid, comfort, safety, and support for children that have been sexually, physically, and/or emotionally abused. All individuals within the organization must pass a NCIC background check. **B.A.C.A.®** members do not condone violence, as this does not break the chain of violence; but instead, lend emotional and physical support to the family.

Nytro added, "**B.A.C.A.®** has been around going on 20 years now. We are in 8 countries, with 22 in forming efforts; and it's because of this 100 Mile Awareness Ride and so much more that my Brothers & Sisters do through-



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out the world. We are growing stronger and bigger every day. Hopefully, maybe not in my time, but hopefully some day we won't be needed anymore... I know that's a HUGE dream for ALL of my **B.A.C.A.®** Family. But until that happens, we will keep doing what we do."

In 2008, **B.A.C.A.®** was only in the USA. Now, **B.A.C.A.®** has Chapters in Australia, Italy, Netherlands, Canada, Germany, Switzerland, & New Zealand, as well as 46 states in the USA. **B.A.C.A.®** is made up of ALL Volunteers. No one has ever been paid for what they do. Many organizations have a corporate office and a LOT of overhead. **B.A.C.A.®** has NO corporate 'headquarters'.

There are some tough stats regarding child abuse, and **B.A.C.A.®** faces them head on. Statistics from several child advocacy websites are staggering... According to one report, in 2014 more than 315,000 child victims were provided advocacy and support. And these numbers are just for the USA!

In the last 10 years **B.A.C.A.®** has reached over 8,400 Abused Children. It is predicted that with **B.A.C.A.®**'s current rate of growth, they can now reach the same numbers in just 2 years. It may look like a 'David & Goliath' situation, but the hearts and minds of **B.A.C.A.®**

members are strong and resolute. They know that one of the ways that evil like child abuse grows is in secrecy. **B.A.C.A.®** is shining light on child abuse; helping children to stand up to their abusers AND teaching adults about child abuse awareness.

A **B.A.C.A.®** fundraiser is coming up on October 17, at Chester's HD, 922 S. Country Club Dr.; Mesa, AZ 85210. This will be the 7th Annual **B.A.C.A.®** Awareness Event. You'll find event details in our calendar & can contact Nytro at [nytro1baca@gmail.com](mailto:nytro1baca@gmail.com) for more information.

If you are interested in learning more about **B.A.C.A.®** ... to volunteer, or for any other reason... Visit **Bikers Against Child Abuse®** on the web at [www.bacaworld.org](http://www.bacaworld.org) or call 800-371-9755. On the website, visit the 'Chapters' page to find a Chapter near you to support.

Donations can be made online at [www.BACADonations.org](http://www.BACADonations.org) or checks can be sent to the mailing addresses below. Checks should be written to **B.A.C.A.®** or **Bikers Against Child Abuse®**.

In AriZona, the local **B.A.C.A.®** contacts are:  
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The people of **B.A.C.A.®** are on the front line to protect children against true evil. They should be commended and supported by everyone, each in our own way. Blessings to each of you, for what you do.

With Respect,

*Betsy & Bruce*

## BACA Mission Statement

Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) exists with the intent to create a safer environment for abused children. We exist as a body of Bikers to empower children to not feel afraid of the world in which they live. We stand ready to lend support to our wounded friends by involving them with an established, united organization. We work in conjunction with local and state officials who are already in place to protect children. We desire to send a clear message to all involved with the abused child that this child is part of our organization, and that we are prepared to lend our physical and emotional support to them by affiliation, and our physical presence. We stand at the ready to shield these children from further abuse. We do not condone the use of violence or physical force in any manner, however, if circumstances arise such that we are the only obstacle preventing a child from further abuse, we stand ready to be that obstacle.

## What is Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) Inc.?

Bikers Against Child Abuse, Inc. (BACA) is a non-profit, 501-C-3 tax exempt organization that exists to provide aid, comfort, safety, and support for children that have been sexually, physically, and emotionally abused. We are dedicated to the principle that one of the basic rights of childhood is to be safe and protected, and when the child's family and environment have failed them, we stand ready to provide it to them.

BACA is a strong organization of dedicated individuals who are willing to sacrifice any and all in order to protect and secure a child's basic right to a happy childhood.



7th Annual **B.A.C.A.®**  
Awareness Event  
Saturday October 17, 2015

benefits

**Bikers Against Child Abuse®**

come out to

Chester's Harley Davidson,  
922 S. Country Club Dr. Mesa, AZ 85210.

Poker Run Sign-in 9-11am \$10/pp

Day includes Classic Car Show,  
Bike Show, Dunk the Biker,  
Kid Games from 9a-3pm,

*Disney Characters & HEROs dressed up  
for the kids to dance with & they can get  
their pictures taken with them.*

Food & merchandise vendors, raffle, 50/50,  
DJ, Silent Auction, & Six+ Bands lined up.  
The event itself is FREE during the day.

From 4pm on it's only a \$5 donation.

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