



Tour des Trees in Hendersonville

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Hello Caitlyn,

I saw that you are the contact for the Henderson Tree Board. I am with the Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund (TREE Fund), which is a non-profit that focuses on grants and scholarships for arborists. This summer, our annual Tour des Trees bike ride will be taking place in North Carolina and we'll be staying overnight in Hendersonville one of the nights.

Just before last year's Tour, the husband of our long-time massage therapist passed away. He has made a lasting impact on many of our riders and, when this happens, we try to schedule a memorial tree planting in their honor during one of the Tours. We talked to Katie about planting a tree for him this year and, since we have a few riders that live close to the area, I wanted to get in touch to start talking about the possibility of doing a memorial planting while we are in town.

We'll be arriving in Hendersonville the afternoon of September 13, staying the night, and departing the next morning.

In addition to that, while I was on your website, I saw that the tree board does several outreach and learning events and that also happens to be one of our specialties, so if we would also be able to potentially put together some kind of community engagement event, we have several presenters and professionals that love to interact with locals.

If you could let me know your thoughts as far as the possibility of the city hosting a tree planting and/or an educational event, that would be great. If you are interested and we can get the ball rolling, we'll go from there.

Thanks for your time. Have a good day.

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