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Tour DaVita

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Skagit River Park in Burlington turned into a large encampment Monday, Oct. 9, with 300 two-person tents and large tent enclosures to support a community of bicyclists and staff. About 600 bicyclists are taking part in the Tour DaVita, a charity bike ride that benefits the Bridge of Life, a group that helps to provide for kidney care and dialysis for underserved communities worldwide. The riders started from Snohomish County near Monroe and rode either 100 or 70 miles Monday. On Tuesday, Oct. 10, they will ride to Samish Island for a 53-mile trip.



Riding for kidney care

Mel Seek, a nephrologist from Ocala, Fla., wraps up a 100-mile bike ride Monday afternoon in Skagit River Park in Burlington. Seek is one of 600 riders taking part in the Tour DaVita, a charity ride that benefits the Bridge of Life, a group that helps to provide for kidney care and dialysis for under-served communities worldwide.



A bicyclist takes a swig of water amidst a tent encampment set up Monday afternoon in Skagit River Park in Burlington. About 600 riders are taking part in the Tour DaVita, a charity ride serving groups that help the under served receive kidney care worldwide. Scott Terrell / Skagit Valley Herald



Bicycle riders arrive Monday afternoon in Skagit River Park in Burlington. About 600 riders are taking part in the Tour DaVita, a charity ride serving groups that help the under served receive kidney care worldwide. Scott Terrell / Skagit Valley Herald



A tent encampment covers a portion of the play fields Monday afternoon in Skagit River Park in Burlington. About 600 riders are taking part in the Tour DaVita, a charity ride serving groups that help the under served receive kidney care worldwide. Scott Terrell / Skagit Valley Herald



Bicyclists head down Anacortes Street on Monday afternoon as they head towards Skagit River Park in Burlington. About 600 riders are taking part in the Tour DaVita, a charity ride serving groups that help the under served receive kidney care worldwide. Scott Terrell / Skagit Valley Herald



Bicycle riders are checked in by volunteers Monday afternoon in Skagit River Park in Burlington. About 600 riders are taking part in the Tour DaVita, a charity ride serving groups that help the under served receive kidney care worldwide. Scott Terrell / Skagit Valley Herald