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## Berkeley High Students Reach Milestone In “Pedaling for Peace” Trek to San Diego

MONTEREY – Seventeen high school students from Berkeley today are passing the 100-mile mark in their trek to San Diego in what they are calling a “Pedaling for Peace” effort against youth violence.

The inner-city students left Berkeley on Monday and are scheduled to arrive in Monterey late this afternoon or evening. The city of Monterey is putting them up free of charge at its picturesque Veteran’s Memorial Park.

The students are making their way down the California coastline 600 miles to Santana High School in Santee, San Diego County, in an effort to draw attention to the problem of youth violence. Santana High School was the scene of a school shooting that left two students dead earlier this year. The Berkeley students have been corresponding with Santana students.

The ride is being sponsored by the Berkeley Police Activities League, the East Bay Asian Youth Center and the California Department of Parks and Recreation, which is setting up camps, mostly at state parks, for the riders along the way.

Following their stay in Monterey, members of the group – which include several chaperones, including a nurse and a police officer – are scheduled to ride to Pfeiffer-Big Sur State Park, and then on to San Simeon, where they will take a day off and tour Hearst Castle®, a state historical monument. They are scheduled to arrive in Santee on Monday, Aug. 20.

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