



# ROAD TO DISCOVERY



## Biking 3,500 Miles For a Cure

Since 2010, Greg Crawford, dean of the College of Science at the University of Notre Dame, has dedicated his summers to biking across the country to raise awareness and funds for research to find treatments and a cure for **Niemann-Pick Type C (NPC) disease** — a rare, genetic cholesterol-storage disorder that primarily strikes children before or during adolescence and is always fatal.

The Road to Discovery will begin on May 26 in Long Island, N.Y. and travel westward to Pebble Beach, Calif. Greg will arrive on June 26 in time for the Parseghian Classic, a golf fundraiser hosted by the College of Science and Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation to benefit NPC research.

Throughout the month-long journey, Greg will attend more than 10 fundraising events with Notre Dame alumni clubs and their communities. During his four previous rides, Greg covered more than 11,200 miles and held more than 60 fundraising events to raise \$1 million for NPC research.

Expanding Greg's fundraising efforts, this year's Road to Discovery will also raise funds for research for other rare diseases that affect young children, including **Nonketotic Hyperglycinemia (NKH)**, a condition that can lead to developmental delays, seizures and brain damage, and **NGLY1 Deficiency**, a disorder that can result in developmental delays, abnormal tear production, and liver disease.

This year's goal is to raise \$1 million for rare disease research at Notre Dame's Boler-Parseghian Center for Rare and Neglected Diseases.

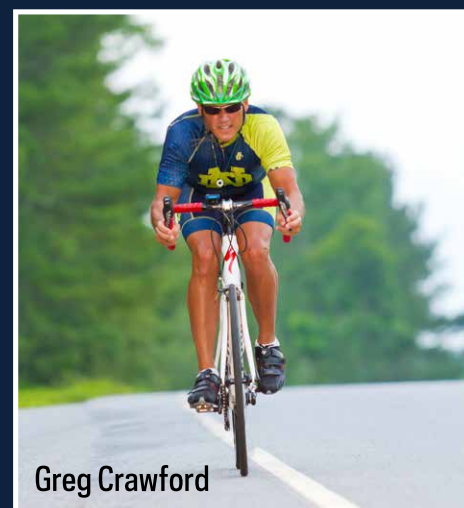
## NPC Research

Rare disease research has a long history at Notre Dame, going back several decades. Since 2003, Notre Dame researchers have studied NPC with funding from the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation (APMRF), a non-profit organization dedicated to funding medical research projects to find treatments and a cure for NPC. The organization is named after legendary Notre Dame football coach Ara Parseghian, who lost three of his grandchildren to NPC.

Learn more about NPC research at Notre Dame: [niemannpick.nd.edu](http://niemannpick.nd.edu)

Find out more about APMRF: [Parseghian.org](http://Parseghian.org)

Follow the Road to Discovery: [roadtodiscovery.nd.edu](http://roadtodiscovery.nd.edu)



Greg Crawford

The Road to Discovery is looking for media partners to help raise awareness for NPC and rare disease research across the country.



### Interview contact

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Greg typically bikes from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily and is able to accommodate your schedule for an interview. He can meet you along the route for a live interview or meet with you when he arrives at his destination.

### Media kit

A full media kit, including high-resolution images and b-roll footage, is available on the Media Kit tab on Greg's daily blog, [roadtodiscovery.nd.edu](http://roadtodiscovery.nd.edu).

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DATE	DAY OF THE WEEK	START	FINISH/ OVERNIGHT	MILEAGE
5/27	Wednesday	Friars Head, NY	Poughkeepsie, NY	100
5/28	Thursday	Poughkeepsie, NY	Princeton, NJ	110
5/29	Friday	Princeton, NJ	Philadelphia, PA	50
5/30	Saturday	Rest day	Stamford, CT	
5/31	Sunday	Philadelphia, PA	Harrisburg, PA	120
6/1	Monday	Harrisburg, PA	Pittsburgh, PA	220
6/2	Tuesday	Pittsburgh, PA	Warrensville Heights, OH	125
6/3	Wednesday	Warrensville Heights, OH	Toledo, OH	125
6/4	Thursday	Toledo, OH	South Bend, IN	100
6/5	Friday	South Bend, IN	Chicago, IL	100
6/6	Saturday	Chicago, IL	Mendota, IL	75
6/7	Sunday	Mendota, IL	Davenport, IA	100
6/8	Monday	Davenport, IA	Iowa City, IA	70
6/9	Tuesday	Iowa City, IA	Des Moines, IA	125
6/10	Wednesday	Des Moines, IA	Omaha, NE	145
6/11	Thursday	Omaha, NE	York, NE	115
6/12	Friday	York, NE	Holdrege, NE	115
6/13	Saturday	Holdrege, NE	McCook, NE	80
6/14	Sunday	McCook, NE	Yuma, CO	120
6/15	Monday	Yuma, CO	Denver, CO	165
6/16	Tuesday	Rest day	Denver, CO	
6/17	Wednesday	Denver, CO	Granby, CO	105
6/18	Thursday	Granby, CO	Craig, CO	120
6/19	Friday	Craig, CO	Vernal, CO	125
6/20	Saturday	Vernal, CO	Salt Lake City, UT	160
6/21	Sunday	Salt Lake City, UT	Wendover, NV	145
6/22	Monday	Wendover, NV	Ely, NV	120
6/23	Tuesday	Ely, NV	Reno, NV	150
6/24	Wednesday	Reno, NV	Sacramento, CA	140
6/25	Thursday	Sacramento, CA	Silicon Valley, CA	110
6/26	Friday	Silicon Valley, CA	Pebble Beach, CA	105