



cc350 Changing the Cycle

To whom this may concern,

At the beginning of the 2010 school year a group of hardworking environmentally conscious teens applied for a grant for photovoltaic solar panels from SolarBC's Solar for Schools program. Winning this \$20,000 grant was a huge feat, but there was still a \$5,000 shortfall. Last year's cc350 accomplished the task of covering this shortfall, and our system is up and running on the roof of our school. Our goal is to make Claremont Secondary School a carbon-neutral learning environment, and we have learned that we have reached our school's solar panel capacity so we have decided that this year's cc350 will be about promoting alternative modes of transportation in our school's community.

We will be running our 4rd annual cc350 on May 10th. The cc350 (climate change 350) is a biking relay and eco-fair with the goal of raising funds to promote green initiatives at Claremont. In teams of 5, participants will bike 350 laps around Claremont Secondary's school track, relay style, for a total of 140km. In addition, there will be live music, local food, environmental booths, environmental themed fair games and entertainment for everyone.

The event is likely to draw 1200+ in attendance, as it is being held on a school day so the school population is guaranteed, and we are inviting students from 7 other schools. We also open this event to community members and the general public. Last year participants included municipality members, police officers, teachers, students and community members alike.

Our goal for this year is to create a compound where students and staff can store their bikes and skateboards in a dry, secure and easily accessible location. As of now there is no place for kids to lock up their bikes, and we feel that with the creation of this compound will encourage a greater population of the school to use modes of alternative transportation to commute to Claremont.

We are looking for sponsors for the biking teams as a method to raise money (we are looking for around \$500/team) sponsored teams will sport the businesses name and display their sponsors banner in their designated team area. Specifically we are asking you to sponsor one of these teams. If your business chooses to be a sponsor for this event we also have a professionally made website which can be visited at www.cc350victoria.ca where we will name the business as a sponsor with a link to your page. Your business would also be listed as a sponsor on the cc350's Facebook page.

Thank you so much for your time and attention, we hope to hear from you soon!

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