



Recently, Sierra Valley residents formed a nonprofit 501c3 to manage the funds from the Tour de Manure supported bicycle event starting in 2024 moving forward. The funds will support the firefighters of Eastern Sierra County in needs such as training events and equipment upgrades and will come primarily from the annual Tour de Manure, which occurs this year on Saturday, June 1.

The 501c3 is called Eastern Sierra Firefighters Auxiliary and has a preliminary website informing folks of its presence. The website will expand later to include more information, but for now carries the basics. The nonprofit board consists of three members now and will grow within the next year to include a few more people. Current board members are Nanci Davis, Mike Blide and Laura Read. The three are also coordinating the Tour de Manure this year, and most of the organizers and volunteers for the event are returning after a one-year hiatus to help organize it again.

The tour will top out at its usual 500 riders, as required by its Caltrans permit. At the events after party, food will be provided by Sierraville's When Pigs Fly BBQ caterers, and live music will come from the Plumas/Sierra county group Michael Hogan and the Simpletones.