



Bike MS Champion Living with MS

Angelina Kump

1. When were you diagnosed with MS?

In 2004, I was 13.

2. How were you diagnosed with MS?

After several months and wrong diagnoses, I started to have blind spots and double vision. I was sent to a neurologist who specialized in MS and it didn't take long after that to realize that that was what it was, despite my age.

3. How does MS affect your daily life?

I use crutches and a wheelchair to get around if I have to go more than across my house. I get tired really easily and it makes it hard to go do things with friends. If I talk a lot my tongue gets tied, I stutter and I don't always make a lot of sense. I also have a hard time comprehending things, and I sometimes have to have things repeated quite a few times before it clicks. I forget even every day things like how to get to a store or what order my classes are, so I have to write everything down. My fine motor function is really poor and I have a hard time doing things like doing buttons up.

4. Why is Bike MS important to you?

It is one more way to get awareness out there, and more money to help fund things like better treatments and hopefully a cure someday.

5. What's your message to cyclists?

Thank you, so much. I wish I could join you.

6. What is your proudest moment?

I am going to be able to go to South Africa to teach during the summer.

7. What is your favorite movie?

The original Star Wars, Lord of the Rings and Indiana Jones.

8. What's on your iPod or what is your favorite band?

I listen to a lot of oldies, 80's and 90's rock, and soundtracks to musicals.

9. What's the single thing you can't live without?

Something to write with. I'm always writing things down and I doodle when I'm bored.

10. What are your hobbies/pastimes:

Writing poems, essays and stories, reading, drawing, watching animals, and watching movies.

11. What do most people not know about you?

I am a published poet. I've had two poem published and one carved into a headstone.

12. Who is your hero?

My wildlife biology teacher in high school. He had studied bears in the wild, but had some health problems so he took up teaching. He showed me that I could still work with animals, which has been my dream since I was really little, but I might have to do it a little differently.

13. Identifier- when a cyclists decides the he/she would like to ride for you, they will ride with an identifier or something that represents you (i.e. stuffed animal, temporary tattoo, flag):

A stuffed monkey.