

# BAJA DIVIDE

A 1700 mile bikepacking route through Baja.

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## Lael's Globe of Adventure Scholarship

Women's Scholarship for the Baja Divide 2016-17

Applications due Friday, November 11, 2016

This scholarship is available to a woman of any age and is designed to propel an individual who shows an interest in international travel and global cultures, who has some off-pavement bicycle touring experience (or substantive paved touring, backpacking, or travel experience), and who is interested in sharing their ride on the Baja Divide through writing, photography, art, or music. Named in honor of Lael Wilcox, this scholarship aims to encourage more women to travel by bike and to discover the Baja Divide, Mexico, and international travel.

The recipient of this scholarship will receive an Advocate Cycles 27.5+ hardtail mountain bike, as well as a full complement of bikepacking luggage from Revelate Designs. Other lightweight camping equipment may complete the Baja-ready package. A minimum \$1000 community supported travel grant will offset transportation to the route and expenses along the route. Applicants must be planning to ride most or all of the Baja Divide in 2016-2017 and would be required to provide one substantial written piece to Advocate Cycles, Revelate Designs, and the Baja Divide site with stories, impressions and images.

Lael Wilcox has been traveling by bike for nine years and has ridden over 100,000 miles in more than 25 countries, and is increasingly drawn to off-pavement routes and trails. Her affinity for languages and international travel began during a year-long exchange to Denmark in high school and continues with her excitement to ride in new countries every year. In 2015, she entered the ultra-distance bikepacking race scene with success in the Holyland Challenge in Israel and in the Tour Divide. In 2016, she won the Trans Am Bike Race. When Lael is not racing or touring, she rides everywhere she goes and commutes through winters in her hometown of Anchorage, AK. She reads and writes while traveling, seeks new words and experiences, and shares a warmth with the people she meets that enables cross-cultural exchange. "Lael's Globe of Adventure" is an adaptation of a concept from John Steinbeck's novel *Log From the Sea of Cortez* in which lonely men stand on the docks at Monterey as the research vessel embarks on a many-month journey to Baja California. These men carry with them "globes of boredom"; Lael carries a "globe of adventure".

Prepare a digital application based upon the questions on the following page and send to Lael Wilcox at [bajadivide@gmail.com](mailto:bajadivide@gmail.com) no later than November 11, 2016. Provide your responses in the body of an e-mail. The recipient will be announced on November 18, 2016.

The scholarship selection team includes Lael Wilcox and Nicholas Carman, Eric Parsons and Revelate Designs staff, and Tim and Odia Krueger of Advocate Cycles.

Name:

Age:

Hometown:

E-mail:

Website, Instagram, blog:

Phone:

Riding, commuting, touring, and bikepacking experience:

Why are you interested in this scholarship?

When do you plan to ride the Baja Divide?

With whom do you plan to ride (if applicable)?

Have you traveled outside of your home country? Describe the duration and the nature of these travels:

List and rate your experience/proficiency with any languages spoken:

Tell us about yourself, including school, work, and life experiences that you think relate to this application:

Why travel by bike?

What excites you most about traveling in Baja California by bike?

What methods of expression will allow you to share your experiences on the Baja Divide?

Please attach a digital photo that you would be willing to share if selected for this scholarship (min 1000px).