

## MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

Competitive mountain bike rider, decorated downhill skier and triathlete, Bobby McMullen is legally blind, a two-time double transplant recipient, and a self-proclaimed "trainwreck." Nevertheless, he embraces life with enthusiasm that is contagious, and imparts that to audiences.

Bobby is a popular speaker at conferences, corporate and athletic events, school activities and fundraisers.



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## BOBBY MCMULLEN

Extreme Athlete, Mountain Bike Racer, Paralympian

LET'S TALK ABOUT LIFE'S ADVENTURES

## ABOUT BOBBY

Bobby McMullen has survived diabetes, loss of his vision, kidney failure, years of dialysis and two kidney/pancreas transplants. He has broken more bones than he can count. In spite of challenges that would take most people out, Bobby lives life full-on. He is a passionate extreme sport competitor -- a tenacious adrenaline junkie who competes alongside fully able racers.

Bobby is a natural athlete. In spite of Type I diabetes, he was a high school sports star, and attended Weber State University in Utah where he skied for the Wildcats ski team. After graduating, he began law school in Northern California. During his first year of law school in 1993, Bobby lost his eyesight as a result of complications from diabetes. He was totally blind in a month.

Undeterred from pursuing competitive sports, Bobby learned to ski with a guide. Within a year he qualified for the U.S. Disabled Ski Team. He spent seven years as a member of the U.S. Team and earned a spot on the Nagano Paralympic Ski Team.

During the 1996 World Disabled Alpine Championships, Bobby's kidneys began to fail. He was on dialysis before the end of the year, and received his first double transplant (kidney and pancreas) in 1997.

Bobby was back on the ski circuit in months. He competed in the 1998 Paralympics in Nagano, Japan, taking fifth place in the Alpine downhill ski competition. He raced with the U.S. team until his body rejected his transplant organs. He endured another two years of dialysis before receiving his second double transplant in 2003.

After the second transplant, Bobby renewed his childhood love of bike riding. He was competitive in 23 mountain bike races in the year following surgery, and has not slowed down since. He works with a "ride guide" who rides ahead of him and calls out obstacles. Since 2004, he has raced in at least 25 events annually.

Mountain bike riding demands extraordinary athleticism, focus and courage. Riding blind with a guide requires extraordinary faith and trust. Bobby exhibits all of these traits as he faces adversity on and off the bike.

Bobby's passion is mountain bike downhill competition, though he competes in cross-country races as well. In 2006 he completed the 3,000-mile Race Across America, raising money for transplant research.



Bobby's participation in the 2005 Nissan XTERRA World Championship Mountain Bike Triathlon was covered in a CBS Sports Spectacular. He has been featured in numerous publications, including Sports Illustrated, Decline, Bike Magazine, Dirt Rag, Los Angeles Times.com, and many others.

Bobby's life and philosophies are subjects of the international award-winning film, The Way Bobby Sees It (2008, Poison Oak Productions). The film follows Bobby's preparation for and competition in the 2007 Downieville Classic Mountain Bike Race, a 17-mile course said to be the country's most challenging downhill race.



## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

With humor and conviction, Bobby captivates audiences while telling of his inspiring journey to become a world-renowned competitor in mountain bike and Alpine ski racing. He shares his victories as well as his disappointments, and exemplifies optimism, enthusiasm, discipline and determination. He teaches audiences that we all have these qualities within us.

Bobby is available for speaking engagements worldwide. Topics range from celebrating life to facing and challenging adversity and understanding and adapting to change, from leadership to appreciation of the value of teamwork. He shares his thoughts on winning, as well as how to benefit from defeat.

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