

Welcome to the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA) 2023!

You're receiving this e-mail because you're registered for the 2023 ride.

This is the Update #4 - the final before GOBA!

We're going to end this series of e-mails where we began - kinda like GOBA. Here are the final reminders about Saturday check-in and a few important ALERTS.

HEAT!! - The weather forecast looks pretty ok - maybe only a spot of rain. Nonetheless, stay hydrated; drink lots of water. We don't want your GOBA to end in a medical facility tethered to an IV bag.

GOBA check-in:

Saturday June 17th – **Noon** – 8pm.

Ashtabula County Fairgrounds

127 N Elm Street.

Jefferson, OH 44047

Floral Building (It's octagonal) follow traffic volunteers to the left when you enter.

See map below

OK...again...Check in opens at Noon.

Please respect our crew as they set up the campground infrastructure and registration areas on Saturday morning.

Check-in Procedure

- Please bring your name, ID, and happy disposition!
- If you have a special situation and an explanatory e-mail from Director Jeff...bring it. Our volunteers will process you quickly.
- You'll pick up your GOBA wristband, identifiers for the add-ons you purchased (e.g., Knight's Kingdom camping, towel service, indoor sleeping, etc) GOBA 2022 bike number, and any merchandise you ordered.
- We will have a GOBA Booklet which includes the itinerary for week, GOBA guidelines and rules, & basic route information. The traditional "Food Grid" will also be available.

Merchandise – you'll pick up the merchandise you purchased in advance. We'll have a **LIMITED** supply of jerseys and t-shirts to sell. We bought just a few extra for sizing exchanges.

Deluxe Camping, Towel Service, Car Camping, and Indoor sleeping passes will be for sale at check-in.

Limited Availability of paper maps - We've sent links of the route maps and encourage those that crave a paper map/cue sheet to print them out at home beforehand. We'll have a few, but don't want to print gobs of materials that'll be wasteful.

Indoor Campers - We'll provide you with 3-foot pieces of red, "CAUTION" tape. Please tie this to your bags so our volunteers that are shuttling bags to the indoor space in Willoughby & Kent, can easily identify bags for shuttle. **RED TAPE ONLY for "indoor campers!" (see picture below)**

Camp Set-up at the Ashtabula County Fairgrounds

After you've checked in, there will be local volunteers guiding you to the camping area. You'll drive your car through the camping area, drop your bags, tents & stuff at a site, then proceed to park your car in a designated parking area as directed by the local volunteers. **Please ensure you set camp in MARKED spaces only.** (This applies all week!) Please respect the fire lanes. We must follow Ohio law and comply with Health Department guidelines.

Car Campers - Please follow the direction of our volunteers Place the Car Camper placard in your windshield. Again, help us comply with good 'ole Ohio laws.

Sunday – we'll continue to check in late arriving riders beginning at 7:00am. Our optional, but highly encouraged, riding route will be a 50 mile loop to Geneva on the Lake for lunch. You might as well ride, because many local businesses and attractions will be closed/limited due to it being Father's Day Sunday.

Sunday evening – GOBA Opening Ceremony will be at 6pm at Giddings Park - just a short walk into town. There are multiple food options, and a **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**, prior to our 6pm opening. The Four Kings will rock the night!

Information during GOBA week

GOBA Information Booth

— Check in with the GOBA Information booth and bulletin board for updates on routes, food opportunities, attractions, weather, special announcements, indoor camping & massage therapists location, etc.

Host City Information Booth

— Each host city will staff an information booth to answer questions about activities, food and entertainment opportunities, special tours, and anything related to their community.

GOBA website - Bookmark these two pages now!

— We'll provide needed updates to the GOBA resources and host city activities on the [News and Resources](#) page. We'll also provide any needed updates on the daily routes on our "[Route Information](#)" page. You might want to bookmark both these pages on your mobile device now.

NEW!! - Charging Station - GOBA has developed a trailer with capacity to charge your small devices and 24-40 e-bike batteries. We wanted to centralize this service and ensure a safe, reliable operation. If possible, remove/bring your e-bike battery. That'll save space. **Disclaimer** -

We'll have the charging station near the GOBA INformation booth and/or in high traffic areas to ensure "eyes" on the operation. That said, we'll not staff the station and can't be responsible for your personal property. So, leave batteries at own risk (or lock your bike if you can't remove the battery.) All that said....things are pretty safe in GOBAville.

GOBA's Medical Team

— GOBA has a longstanding tradition of providing robust medical support. Our **Medical Director, Dr. Braig, and her team of medical professionals**, provide a clinic at the Medical RV for an hour each morning and 90+ minutes in the afternoon.

— GOBA also has an **Emergency Coordinator, Todd Johnson, who is embedded in our on-road SAG team** and directs the response to situations during the daily rides.

— All the local communities' Emergency Medical Response Teams are on alert and prepared to respond to emergency medical needs on the road. Which leads to the final reminder....

If you have a medial emergency on the roda - call 911.

If you have a non-life-threatening situation, call our **dedicated SAG Hotline 937-419-9957** (That number is on the backof your rider number)

Oh, did you get this far? Congratulations; here are the final route links you've all been awaiting!

ROUTES

The digital files are available for download at this [Ride with GPS event page](#)

The [maps and cues are available for download and printing](#) on our webpage. Please print these before you come to GOBA.

Lastly, here's the [link to the "Food Grid"](#) with food opportunities on the route each day. It has been difficult to find community groups to supply traditional GOBA rest stops in this egion, so be prepared to carry something in your pocket.

Let's Ride!

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