



Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure

Welcome to the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA) 2024!
You're receiving this e-mail because you're registered for the 2024 ride.

This is the Update #3 - 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 Friday & 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:

- **GOBA+1 & GOBA Weekend riders only - Friday June 14th – 3pm – 8pm**
- **All GOBA riders - Saturday June 15th - 7am - 8pm**

Preble County Fairgrounds

722 S Franklin St, Eaton, OH 45320

The exact building & traffic flow map is at the bottom of this e-mail.

Late Check-in will also be available Sunday & Monday

Basic preparation – please review the ["How to GOBA"](#) webpage in addition to the "Way to GOBA" pdf download for procedures, guidelines, and tons of answers to all your questions on what to bring and how to survive. (click on the link)

Or, better yet - [this video "What you need to know" should answer all your questions](#) - whether you're a first-timer or veteran rider!

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 Oxford, Hamilton & Arcanum, can easily identify bags for shuttle. **RED TAPE ONLY for "indoor campers!" (see picture below)**

Camp Set-up at the Preble 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/RV Camper Parking Pass - Please follow the direction of our volunteers Place the Car/RV Parking placard in your windshield. Again, help us comply with good 'ole Ohio laws.

Saturday – Buckeye Bridge Ride has a Mass Start at 7:00am - You may also leave on your own until 9am.

Saturday - Community FunFest in downtown Eaton (4:00-8:00pm) Shuttle available, or its a 1-mile walk to food, live entertainment, games, merchants, and even a zip-line!

Sunday – we'll continue to check in late arriving riders beginning at 7:00am.

Sunday evening – GOBA Dinner (4:30-6:00pm) served in the Expo Building and Opening Ceremony with entertainment by Tommy Renfro will be at 6:15pm at the shelter across from the GOBA Information/check-in building.!

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.

Text Alerts - GOBA will be using a one-way text alert system to update riders about food service, attraction reminders, and route updates. We plan to send two texts a day. *Not all riders have a mobile phone listed with us; please share the text messages with your riding buddies.*

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.

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, Matt Wolf, 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 road - call 911.

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

Host Community Food, entertainment, attraction & shuttle information will be posted dynamically on our "[News & Resources](#)" page. Most of the communities will have best detailed information at the Information booth at each GOBAville camp.

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 region, so be prepared to carry something in your pocket.

Let's Ride!

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