



# THE KEOKUK BIKE CLUB

## RAGBRAI 2019 Registration is OPEN!

The Des Moines Register has opened RAGBRAI registration for the 2019 ride across Iowa. RAGBRAI will be held July 21-27 in 2019. The RAGBRAI EX-PO will be July 20th in the start town. By this time, most of you already know that the City of Keokuk, our club's home base, has filed an application to host the end of the ride. The Des Moines Register is very "tight-lipped" concerning all the host towns for 2019, and, at this point in time, we can only hope that we have been selected. We are speculating here again, but this year should be a southern route across the state, if they hold to their usual way of selecting routes. They have only deviated from the "Top, Middle, Bottom" route selection method a handful of times. We know that the cities of Fort Madison and Burlington are also making their pitch to host the end of the ride. Because RAGBRAI last ended in Keokuk in 1992, and has ended in the other cities several times, we feel we have a "good chance" at getting the ride this year. Plus, RAGBRAI has "courted" the city to apply several times since 1992, and seemed very happy that Keokuk once again asked to be considered. The route will be announced January 26, at the annual Route Announcement Party in Des Moines.



Our expectations are high that we will fill a bus with week-long riders this year for the trip to the starting town. We also expect several first-time riders to come with us this year, as well as many day riders that can't ride all week. I recommend making your decision early to get registered. So, begin planning your vacation time away from work, get your bike trainers out of the closet and start spinning, and if you are a newbie, begin eating pie often so you can make it through our pie challenge. RAGBRAI 2019 will be another epic ride!



### KBC ANNUAL PIZZA PARTY

Where: First Baptist Church Education Bldg  
25 N. 8th Street, Keokuk

When: Saturday, January 12, 2019  
6:00—8:30



# RAGBRAI 2018 Registration Procedure

The Des Moines Register has opened RAGBRAI registration for the 2019 ride across Iowa. For 2019, all costs for the ride have remained the same as last year. If you are planning to go on RAGBRAI with our bike club in 2019, whether for all week or just a few days, you need to follow the process below. Read through the directions first, to get an idea on the registration process.

If you rode with us the last couple of years, use the same username and password to log into your account and register for RAGBRAI. All of your information will still be in the system, including group information if applicable. If you are new to RAGBRAI, or rode prior to 2016, then you'll probably need to make a New User Account. Those steps are included below.

- 1) **KBC Membership** - We require everyone to be a Keokuk Bike Club member to ride RAGBRAI with our club. The top part of the Registration Paperwork, located at the end of this newsletter, is how you become a member. Fill it out and include our membership fee.
- 2) **RAGBRAI.com User Account** - You will need to create a new user account with RAGBRAI if you haven't already done so the last couple of years. This account will give you the ability to register for RAGBRAI, as well as the RAGBRAI Forums and Online Shop. You will be sent an email to activate your account. Please note that each registration requires a unique user account, and each user account must have a unique email address. RAGBRAI doesn't allow users to share an email address when setting up your profile. Log in to "ragbrai.com/registration/" to do this. Their instructions are pretty easy to follow. After you have your account setup, go to the next step below.
- 3) **Log In** - Log into RAGBRAI.com using the Login option in the upper right corner of the website. Once you are logged in, this option switches to My RAGBRAI, and will be your main method for navigating throughout the site.
- 4) **Register to ride as a Group Member**- Select "Register For The Ride" from the Registration page or the "My RAGBRAI" drop down menu in the upper right corner of RAGBRAI.com. You will be given the choice during the registration process to register as an **Individual Rider** or **Join a Group** to do the ride. You will need to "join a group". If you rode with our group last couple of years, you should already be a member of our group. If you rode with another group, you will still be a member of that group and will need to switch to ours. To join our group this year, or leave your current group and switch to ours, search by group name, **Keokuk Bike Club**, and then select our group. **Note:** There is another group with the name of "Keokuk County". It is not our group and is elsewhere in Iowa. **We are Group #42 if that helps.** Be sure to join the correct group! Follow the prompts to complete the registration for yourself.
- 5) **Register a Minor** - A minor registration will be created under a parent or guardian user account. A minor will not need to create a user account. The adult need not register for the ride to register a minor. If you have registered as an adult, and then access the registration system, it will show that you've already registered and the registration you are about to submit is for a minor.
- 6) **Submit Registration** - Complete the "Ride Options" section with your registration (weeklong or day passes). Order Merchandise – they again will offer special pricing on the RAGBRAI Jerseys and Shorts when you order with your registration. (**Note: Jot down the \$\$ amounts for merchandise and the total tax amount you owe.** You will need it for the paperwork later)
- 7) **Sign the Electronic Waiver** – RAGBRAI accepts electronically signed waivers for registrants who are 18 years of age or older at the time their registration is submitted. If a rider is under the age of 18 at the time of registration, you and your parents/guardians are required to submit a signed RAGBRAI minor paper waiver (both pages); original copy only, faxed or scanned waivers will not be accepted. Send just the **Minor** waivers to Mary with your paperwork. RAGBRAI will already have the adults when you submit it online.
- 8) **Save Registration** - **Be sure to click Save Application**
- 9) **Submit Money and Paperwork**— Completely fill out the paperwork located at the end of this newsletter. **Please include one form for each registered rider.** Example: You, your wife, and minor son register for the ride. We will need 3 registration forms, one for each of you, plus a paper Minor Waiver form. Send all paperwork, with payment **by check**, to Mary at the address on the paperwork. **DO NOT PAY ANY MONEY TO RAGBRAI WHEN REGISTERING ONLINE!** To be guaranteed a RAGBRAI tag, all weeklong riders must be registered with their money and paperwork, in Mary's hands by **March 25th, 2019**. No exceptions. Mary will close out registration for all week-long riders. **Please note this recent change by RAGBRAI: Any cancellations must be done by April 1, 2018, the day they close weeklong registration.** RAGBRAI charges a fee of \$25 to cancel. After that date, no money will be returned by RAGBRAI or our club. RAGBRAI closes weeklong registration on that date. The only way to get a weeklong pass after that date is to go through trade process with someone that has a change of plans and cannot ride. Daily tags are usually available each day of the ride. But there are no guarantee any of those will be available. So register for those by our cut-off date of March 25th if possible.



If you have problems with the process, call Jim. He'll try to help you to work through it. We don't foresee much trouble this year in the registration process. They have provided updated instructions which we believe are much easier to interpret. Here's Jim's Cell number (319-470-2734).

# Some Questions and Answers!

- **How do I find the truck each day?** We may have been assigned camp sites on some days. Check on the inside wall of the truck each day for this info. Jim will also try to email the list of our campground locations to you prior to the ride. Otherwise, you can follow the route to the official information board at the main campgrounds. Look under the letter "K" for KEOKUK BIKE CLUB. Anne will try to get a sign placed there telling where we are. But asking Anne for her cell phone number might be quicker!

- **How do I know which truck is ours?** Look at the header on **page 1**. Our truck may be white or yellow, but will have the State of Iowa flag, with a purple Keokuk Bike Club flag below.

- **What about food or drink?** We will have soda, beer, sports drinks and bottled water in our club coolers that are for sale. We only charge enough to cover the drinks and ice to cool it. It is by the Honor System, pay for it as you take one. The price is on the money container. As for the food, you'll have to find it and pay for that yourselves. Talk with the veterans and they can usually steer you to where the good stuff is located. **ONE IMPORTANT RULE!** Do not place any glass bottles in the coolers!!!

- **How do I prepare my bike for transport in the truck?** Simple! We ask that you take your pedals, computers, lights & bags off. You do not need to turn your handlebars or box your bike (you can if you like). We load the bikes on our shelves and place large sheets of cardboard between the bikes.

- **Will you set up my tent for me?** No, and Hell No!! That's your job.

- **Can I come and ride with Anne in the truck?** This is a bike ride, not a truck ride. You are expected to be able to ride your bike on the entire route each day, beginning on Day 1 going through Day 7. With that being said, we know some get injured or become ill and cannot ride. We will try to let you ride with Anne in the front of the truck. But that is not guaranteed. There is no riding in the back of the truck! We may have to triage the ill or injured, not letting someone ride, in favor of someone that has a worst injury or illness. Sorry, but we may have to make unpopular decisions on the ride. But that is why we make the big money, right!

- **How much do the club officers get paid?** Zero, Zippo, Nada, Nothing. We are on vacation also, so be nice to us. If you have a problem on the ride, feel free to ask us how to solve it. We may or may not have an answer for you. But we may know where you can find the answer.

- **Will Anne give me a massage?** Probably, but it is for a very reasonable fee. While the club does pay her to drive our truck and find our campsites each day, we do not pay her for her other talent. (Shhhh!! Don't tell her, but Anne is one of the lower paid truck drivers on RAGBRAI. ) She is a registered massage therapist and uses RAGBRAI as a working vacation to be with us. She performs massages during the week as a way to off-set what she loses from her main job at home while helping the club. Talk with her and get a massage. You won't be disappointed. She is very good at what she does!

- **So, what do my RAGBRAI fees buy?** To start with, from you, we collect fees charged by RAGBRAI for your registration, and any merchandise you purchased when registering. That money is sent by Mary to RAGBRAI for those costs in one, big check for all the members. In addition, we charge week-long riders \$185 for our overhead for the ride. That figures out to be about \$23 a day. This covers transportation for you, your bike and allowed luggage from Keokuk to the start town, and then back to Keokuk again from the end town. It also covers our truck expenses to transport your luggage daily to each overnight town. Riders who cannot ride all week, and purchase tags for individual days, are charged a reduced amount based on the \$185, for the number of days riding and days we will be carrying their gear. They will need to contact Mary before sending their fees and paperwork in to get that dollar amount but can still register on the RAGBRAI site by our March closing date.

- **When do I find out what I can bring, where we load luggage, etc?** After weeklong registration closes, Jim will send out an email with those that have registered to date. A RAGBRAI logistics newsletter will be sent out in early June with information covering pretty much everything else we can think of that we think you should know. Jim will also send out emails periodically with information as things pop up that might be important. But you can always email or call Jim (319-470-2734) or Mary (319-524-5686) if you have questions.



# KEOKUK BIKE CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL & RAGBRAI ENTRY

SECTION 1 -- MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>LAST NAME</b>	<b>BIRTH DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)</b>
<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
<b>ADDRESS (street name, number, etc)</b>		<b>APT/UNIT #</b>
<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>		<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
<b>CITY</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>ZIP</b>
<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 20%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 20%;" type="text"/>
<b>PHONE (home, cell, etc)</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>	
<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	
<b>DEPENDANT FAMILY MEMBERS INCLUDED (name, age)</b>		
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**KEOKUK BIKE CLUB DUES (check one)**

- INDIVIDUAL = \$15     FAMILY = \$20 Total for all currently claimed as dependants on your taxes
- EXEMPT = \$0 (over 70 & paid due in the year prior, or can be listed as family member)

TOTAL AMOUNT THIS SECTION = \$

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- RAGBRAI PARTICIPATION COST (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY) \$ \_\_\_\_
- WEEKLONG RIDER = (RAGBRAI Cost) \$175 + (KBC Cost) \$185 = \$ \_\_\_\_
- DAILY RIDER = \$30 X \_\_\_\_ DAYS + KBC COST \$ \_\_\_\_ (Contact Mary for cost before registering) = \$ \_\_\_\_
- NON-RIDER (NOTE-This option must be pre-approved by Mary before registering) = \$35 + KBC COST = \$ \_\_\_\_
- RAGBRAI Souvenir Pack (amount from website at time of online registration) = \$ \_\_\_\_
- RAGBRAI JERSEY OR COMPLETE CYCLING KIT (amount from website at time of online registration) = \$ \_\_\_\_
- CAMPSITE VEHICLE PASS = \$40 or \$75 (NOTE-This option must be pre-approved by Mary before registering) = \$ \_\_\_\_

SALES TAX (from RAGBRAI website when registering) = \$ \_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT THIS SECTION = \$

GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT ALLSECTIONS = \$

SECTION 2 -- RAGBRAI Entry Information

SECTION 3 -- TOTAL DUE

**Mail TOTAL AMOUNT to:**

**KEOKUK BIKE CLUB**

**% MARY KANEFF**

**1620 EXCHANGE Street**

**Keokuk, Iowa. 52632**

DO NOT PAY ANY MONEY TO RAGBRAI WHEN REGISTERING ONLINE!