



# THE KEOKUK BIKE CLUB

## RAGBRAI 2022 Registration is OPEN!

The Des Moines Register has opened RAGBRAI registration for the 2022 ride across Iowa. RAGBRAI will be held July 23-30 in 2022. The RAGBRAI Expo is July 23, 2022, from 12 pm to 9 pm, in the start town. This year's route will be announced in January in Des Moines.

For this registration period, RAGBRAI has made several changes to the way we register. I have already registered, and feel the process was actually a little easier than in past years. The first big change I noticed is that, beginning this year, you will pay the Des Moines Register's RAGBRAI fees at the time you register. Their initial cost for the ride will remain at \$175 for week-long riders from now until March 1st, at which time it will raise to \$190. At the time you register online, you also will be able to order and pay for jerseys, shorts and other RAGBRAI merchandise. Keep in mind that this online registration and payment only covers the Des Moines Register's fees to participate in RAGBRAI. It does not cover the cost the Keokuk Bike Club incurs for helping you get to or from the start and finish of the ride, and hauling your bike and gear throughout the week. To do this we rent a vehicle that is large enough to cover our group size to ensure your bike and baggage is transported to the start town from Keokuk, and your baggage to each

overnight campground during the week, and then your bike and baggage back to Keokuk on the last day. We also rent a vehicle to get our riders to the beginning from Keokuk, and back to Keokuk at the end of the ride, with a couple of exceptions. For this year, that cost is still \$185. You will still send this money to Mary Kaneff, our bike club Treasurer and RAGBRAI Liaison, to her address listed on the form included in this newsletter, to be in her hands by May 1st. As in the past, we still require all our riders to be members in good standing of the Keokuk Bike Club. So, to Register to ride with our group, follow the steps on the next page. Hope to see you all on the ride this year.



### KBC ANNUAL PIZZA PARTY

Where: Independent Order of Odd Fellows

(IOOF) Building

1720 Blondeau Street, Keokuk, Iowa

When: Saturday, February 26, 2022 6:00pm- 8:30p.m



# RAGBRAI 2022 Registration Procedure

If you are planning to go on RAGBRAI with our bike club in 2022, 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.

- 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/ragbrai-registration/" to do this. Their instructions are pretty easy to follow. After you have your account setup, go to the next step below.
- 3) Now you are ready to Register for the Ride. You will have the option to ride as an "Individual", using the RAGBRAI baggage truck, or "Join a Group". You will need to select "Join a Group". This will bring up a search tool to find our group. Enter "Keokuk" into the search bar and it should find us easily for you, as it did for me. We are Group #21. Follow the directions to fill out the registration form. It will ask you several questions, such as : Are you riding as a week-long rider, or just riding a few days, or are a non-rider, etc. You also will be able to order merchandise at special pricing on the RAGBRAI Jerseys and Shorts when you order with your registration.
- 4) **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.
- 5) **Register a Minor** - You will have the opportunity to register a minor if you need to do so.
- 6) **Day Riders or Non-Riders** - IF you are only planning to ride a few days, call Mary before registering so she can quote you the price of hauling your baggage for those days. The only Non-rider that we allow to go with our group is our driver of our baggage truck.
- 7) **Submit Registration** - At the completion of registration, you will be asked to submit payment by a credit card for items you have purchased and for your registration. You will need to do this at this time. (This is the big change that I mentioned on Page 1). To be guaranteed a RAGBRAI tag, all week-long riders must be registered and money paid to RAGBRAI by April 1st!
- 8) **Submit Money and Paperwork to The Keokuk Bike Club** - 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. Our cost is \$185 for what we provide. This is over and above what you have already paid to RAGBRAI. Send all paperwork, with payment **by check (made out to The Keokuk Bike Club)**, to Mary Kaneff, at the address on the paperwork. **Please note: Any cancellations must be done by April 1, 2022, the day they close weeklong registration.** RAGBRAI charges a fee of \$25 to cancel. After that date, no money will be returned by RAGBRAI. RAGBRAI will close week-long registration on that date. The only way to get a weeklong pass after that date is to go through a trade process with someone that has a change of plans and cannot ride. Daily tags are usually available for each day of the ride. If you have problems with the process, or any other questions we haven't answered for you, 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). Mary's Home Phone—(319-524-5686)



# Some Questions and Answers!

- **How do I find the truck each day?** Depending on our number of riders, we may have been assigned campsites 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, we may not know where the truck is going to be until the driver finds a campsite for us. The driver will text Jim and Mary, and they will also try to text that info out each day as soon as the driver lets them know!



- **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 on the ride 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 off your pedals, computers, lights & bags. 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 the driver 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 unable to ride. We will try to let you ride 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.

- **So, what do my RAGBRAI fees buy?** To start with, from you, we collect fees to cover our overhead. We charge week-long riders \$185. 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 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 also be sent out in early June with information covering pretty much everything else we can think of that we think you should know. Jim sends 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.

- **Do I have a set time to leave in the morning or be into the next campsite?** We ask that you have your tent and baggage on the truck by 07:00 each morning. After doing that, you can leave town whenever you want. Some eat breakfast in the town or go down the road for a ways before eating. Do whatever you want. It's your ride! Our driver will need to leave early to the next overnight stop to find us a good campsite. Come into the next campsite whenever you want. But keep in mind that RAGBRAI hours for being on the road each day are from 06:00 a.m. to 06:00 p.m. After that time, their services are pulled from the road. No bike mechanics, SAG vehicles, ambulances or State Troopers will be there to keep you safe. Plus as the evening goes along, shower services are stopped in the campsites, the number of food vendors are reduced or they may be out of food.

# KEOKUK BIKE CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL & RAGBRAI ENTRY

SECTION 1 -- MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

FIRST NAME LAST NAME BIRTH DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)

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ADDRESS (street name, number, etc)

APT/UNIT #

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CITY

STATE ZIP

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PHONE (home, cell, etc)

EMAIL

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DEPENDANT FAMILY MEMBERS INCLUDED (name, age)

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KEOKUK BIKE CLUB ANNUAL DUES (check one)

INDIVIDUAL = \$15     FAMILY = \$20 Total for all currently claimed as dependants on your taxes

EXEMPT = \$0 (over 70 & paid dues in the year prior, or can be listed as family member of a member)

TOTAL AMOUNT THIS SECTION = \$ [ ]

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WEEKLONG RIDER Keokuk Bike Club Fees \$185 = \$185.00

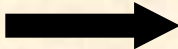
INDIVIDUAL DAY RIDER Keokuk Bike Club Fees **Contact Mary by phone for this cost prior to registering**= \$ [ ]

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TOTAL AMOUNT DUE TO KEOKUK BIKE CLUB = \$ [ ]  
(ADD TOTAL AMOUNTS FROM EACH SECTION)

SECTION 2 -- RAGBRAI Entry Information

SECTION 3 -- TOTAL DUE



**Mail TOTAL AMOUNT to:**  
**KEOKUK BIKE CLUB**  
**% MARY KANEFF**  
**1620 EXCHANGE Street**  
**Keokuk, Iowa. 52632**

**DUE BY MAY 1ST!**