

RAIN 2008

2008 RAIN SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JULY 11th

Registration Packet Pickup at Drury Inn from 3 to 10 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 12th

- * **5:30 - 6:15 a.m.: Late Packet Pickup Drury Inn Only**
- * **6:50 a.m.: Pre-Ride Briefing**
- * **6:59:48 a.m.: Turn on Cycling Computers**
- * **7:00 a.m.: Police Escort Start of *RAIN 2008***
- * **9:00 p.m.: Official END of *RAIN 2008***
- * **ALL TIMES EASTERN DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**
- * **Register online at www.rainride.org**

WHAT IS RAIN 2008?: RAIN is an annual ride across the state of Indiana, sponsored by the Bloomington Bicycle Club. Most of its 160 mile length runs on US 40, The Historic National Road, an older four-lane road with light traffic and gentle rolling hills. The route leaves US 40 at the west edge of Plainfield and follows county roads and city streets around the south side of Indianapolis, rejoining US 40 at the east edge of Greenfield. In 2007, 1,185 riders started RAIN and 1,000 finished in the allotted 14 hours. RAIN is a mass start event which leaves from the Illinois state line, ten miles west of Terre Haute, at 7:00 a.m. sharp. Rider numbers are issued and finishing times and medallions are provided. You should be able to average 12 to 14 mph for over 11 hours. **RAIN is a brisk-paced personal challenge, not a race.**

SAFETY: Unlike the Tour de France, RAIN operates on an open course without traffic support. For the safety of the riders and to minimize congestion, riders and their Personal Support Vehicles (PSVs) must obey the following basic regulations:

- Riders **MUST** wear helmets
- Riders must obey all Indiana traffic laws - including stop signs and red lights.
- Riders must finish by 9:00 p.m. (dark) to be an official finisher.
- Riders, do not allow your PSV to drive alongside and hand up supplies.
- PSVs are only allowed on the course between the 1st (mile 41) and 2nd (mile 66) rest stops and between Greenfield (mile 113) and Richmond (mile 160).
- An alternate PSV route to the lunch stop (mile 90) is provided.
- For those who don't wish to be an official RAIN participant (Bandit), the course will still be marked the following week for your riding enjoyment.

ACCOMMODATIONS: The Drury Inn of Terre Haute, on the corner of US 41 and I-70, is the RAIN 2008 Headquarters. Blocks of rooms (RAIN Ride) with special RAIN rates have been set aside until June 13th at the following hotels:

Drury Inn	\$82.99	Phone (812) 238-1206	Pear Tree Inn	\$79.99	Phone (812) 234-4268
Best Western	\$79.99	Phone (812) 238-1461	Econo Lodge	\$59.95	Phone (812) 234-9931

For additional information, call the Terre Haute Visitors and Convention Bureau (800) 366-3043 or visit their website at www.terrehaute.com for information on other hotels.

Register on our Web Site: www.rainride.org

REGISTRATION: ONLINE REGISTRATION AT www.rainride.org is \$35.00 for each rider. **MAIL-IN REGISTRATION** is \$40.00 per rider. You may pick up rider packets at the Drury Inn on Friday between 3:00 and 10:00 p.m., or on Saturday morning between 5:30 and 6:15 a.m. only. Please register early (at least two weeks) so we can have the right amount of food at the rest stops. Your entry fee includes: T-shirt (T-shirt not included with late registration), fanny bag with your number, maps, instructions, three rest stops with food and drinks, full lunch stop, and a finish souvenir. "Support Crew" T-shirts as well as RAIN Jerseys and RAIN Caps will be available for purchase.

REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION: Registration confirmations will not be sent. A list of pre-registered riders for RAIN 2008 will be posted at www.rainride.org by name and hometown beginning in early July.

TRANSPORTATION TO THE START: RAIN begins at the Indiana/Illinois state line on Illiana Road adjacent to Interstate 70. This is ten miles from the Drury Inn (RAIN Headquarters). You must provide your own way to the start. Autos should go west on Interstate 70 to the first exit in Illinois, then turn right on Old US 40 and return one mile to the state line. Park bumper to bumper on both sides of the road. Those bicycling to the start should ride north on US 41 to the courthouse then left (west) on US 40 to the state line. Those who don't wish to ride the extra ten miles to the start should leave the Drury Inn at 7:00 a.m. and join the RAIN route at the courthouse. The distances from the Drury Inn to the courthouse and the state line to the courthouse are comparable.

PARKING: Riders may leave their vehicles at the hotels the day of the event or along Illiana Road at the starting line. A public parking area is also available at the courthouse (US 41 and US 40). Although no problems have been reported in the past, RAIN cannot be responsible for the security of these vehicles. Those who wish to leave a vehicle in Richmond the day before the event should use the Carpenter Hall parking lot on the northwest corner of the Earlham College campus, leaving a note on the dash citing the RAIN Ride.

THE ROUTE: The actual RAIN route is determined two weeks prior to the event depending upon road construction and road conditions. Maps of the route will not be available until registration, the day before the event. Don't even ask!

THE START: The basic RAIN route begins on Illiana Road (Old US 40) at the Illinois state line with a police escort. The route follows US 40 through West Terre Haute and Ohio Street in Terre Haute before returning to US 40 on Fruitridge Avenue. RAIN riders stay on US 40 through Brazil to the first rest stop at the South Putnam Schools on US 231.

THE REST STOPS: All RAIN Rest Stops will be supplied with water, Gatorade®, apples, bananas, Pop Tarts®, granola bars, fig bars, trail mix and peanut butter and jelly sandwich makings. The first rest stop at US 231 (mile 41) will have port-a-pots and a water truck. **The second rest stop is at the Plainfield Middle School. This is the same location as last year and will use the same route which passes through the school parking lots. Please refer to the RAIN map and follow the RAIN road markings.** From the second rest stop, the RAIN route winds through neighborhoods as it travels east using Camby, Southport, Bluff and Edgewood roads to the lunch stop (mile 90) at the Franklin Township Middle School at the intersection of Franklin and Edgewood roads.

THE LUNCH STOP: Lunch consists of turkey, ham and cheese sandwiches and condiments. PB&J sandwiches are available in addition to the standard rest stop supplies. After lunch, the route crosses I-74 on Acton Road, going east on Thompson/ County Line Road to New Palestine where it crosses US 52 at a stop light. Four way stop signs are located at most intersections south of Indianapolis until the route heads east after New Palestine. Beginning at this point, cross traffic often does not stop. A very dangerous, blind intersection is used to cross SR 9 south of Greenfield. Riders should use extreme caution. The RAIN route turns north on Morristown Pike and rejoins US 40 on the east edge of Greenfield. It follows US 40 (The Historic National Road) through many small towns with the last official rest stop at the Fire Station in Dunreith (mile 130) before finishing at the Earlham College Campus in Richmond (mile 160).

THE FINISH: The RAIN finish is at the main entrance (Main Drive) to Earlham College. Earlham is a Quaker College which has graciously hosted the RAIN Finish for many years. **Earlham is a dry campus. Please respect their no alcohol rules.** Riders must stop at the finish line so that a RAIN official can log each rider's number, finishing position, and time. If a group is sprinting to the finish line, they need to stop as quickly as possible, maintaining their finishing order for the RAIN officials to collect their information. Like the Tour de France, riders finishing in a group will be given the same finishing time. A RAIN Medallion/Key Chain will be provided to each official finisher.

TRANSPORTATION BACK TO TERRE HAUTE: Mark Robinson of Carbondale Greyhound will be offering expanded bus and trailer return transportation from Richmond to Terre Haute (www.busdog.com). Please contact him directly at (618) 521-5207 or email him at: bikesurgeon@hotmail.com

JERSEY BY REVI: Short-sleeved jerseys by Revi are available for purchase (sleeveless jerseys are available if ordered by May 1). Design can be seen at www.rainride.org. Cost: \$60 each.

QUESTIONS? Web site: www.rainride.org • E-mail: rain@rainride.org • Phone: (812) 332-6028

RAIN 2008 ENTRY FORM

Complete and sign one form per rider. Photocopies are acceptable.

Name _____ M/F _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Phone # _____

First Time Entry? Yes No T-Shirt Size (Circle) S M L XL XX-Large (Included with registrations received by July 10th)

1.) RIDE FEE: \$40.00 per Rider (**\$35 for online registration at www.rainride.org**) \$ 40.00

(After June 14th, add this late fee.) (Additional Late Fee as of June 15th) (\$ 10.00)

2.) EXTRA T-Shirts: ___ Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___ XX-Large Total x \$13.00 each= (\$15.00 at event) \$ _____

3.) "SUPPORT CREW" T-Shirts: ___ Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___ XX-Large Total x \$13.00 each= (\$15.00 at event) \$ _____

4.) SHORT-SLEEVED JERSEY by Revi: ___ Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___ XX-Large Total x \$60.00 each= \$ _____

5.) SLEEVELESS JERSEY (if ordered by May 1): ___ Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___ XX-Large Total x \$60.00 each= \$ _____

6.) RAIN CAPS _____ Total x \$12.00 each= \$ _____

7.) EXTRA MEAL TICKETS (Lunch stop only) for support crew _____ Total x \$5.00 each = \$ _____

8.) GRAND TOTAL SENT (add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6) **GRAND TOTAL \$** _____

9.) SIGN RELEASE BELOW

10.) MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: RAIN 2008

11.) MAIL TO: RAIN 2008
Bloomington Bicycle Club
P.O. Box 463
Bloomington, IN 47402-0463

Save \$5.00 on entry fee -
register online at
www.rainride.org

RELEASE, THIS MUST BE SIGNED!

I, the undersigned, freely acknowledge and realize the dangers of participation in RAIN 2008 and fully assume all risks including, but not limited to, collision with pedestrians, vehicles, other riders, and/or fixed or moving vehicles, other riders, sponsors, promoters, or drivers, and dangers arising from falls, road surface, equipment failure, inadequate safety equipment, weather conditions, as well as the possibility of physical and mental trauma. I understand that the route requires bicycling on public roadways and in bad weather and that cyclists have been hospitalized and killed because of traffic mishaps that are either their responsibility or others responsibility and I further agree that I will bear all expenses incurred in any such accidents.

I realize that RAIN 2008 requires physical conditioning and I represent that I am in sound medical condition. I have no physical or medical impediments which would endanger myself or others. I understand and agree that a situation may arise during RAIN 2008 which may be beyond the control of the sponsors, promoters or organizers and agree to ride so as not to endanger either myself or others.

I waive, release, discharge for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives (including successors), any and all rights and/or claims which I have, may have or may hereafter accrue to me against the sponsors and promoters of RAIN 2008 including the Bloomington Bicycle Club, J & B Event Management, Inc., Plainfield Middle School, Franklin Township Middle School, Dunreith Fire Department, and Earlham College, or their sponsors or affiliated organizations and their respective agents, officers and employees, for any and all damages, injuries or claims which may be sustained by me indirectly arising out of my participation in RAIN 2008. The above agreements and representations are my express understandings of the risks and I assume these voluntarily and freely without coercion or duress. This agreement may not be modified orally and may not be waived in any respect. I accept responsibility for the condition and adequacy of my bicycle, will wear a helmet as required, and will carry water and personal identification at all times, and agree to abide by the rules of RAIN 2008.

Sign and date below, or in the case of a minor, the parent/legal guardian must sign and date.

If not properly signed, your entry will be returned.

SIGNED: _____ (Guardian if under 18) DATED: _____



P.O. Box 463
Bloomington, IN 47402

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Permit No. 171
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TO:



Online Registration: www.rainride.org

No Confirmation Will Be Sent! No Registration Day Of Event! Pre-Register: It's Easier To Feed You!

A graphic of the state of Indiana with a thick black outline. Inside the outline, the text "22nd ANNUAL RAIN RIDE ACROSS INDIANA 160 Miles Border - To - Border" is written in various bold, stylized fonts. A line representing the "Historic National Road" runs from Terre Haute in the north to Richmond in the south, with bicycle icons at each end. The date "Saturday, July 12th, 2008" is printed in the center. Below the date, a paragraph of text reads: "This is a timed, mass start event. Each rider is encouraged to set their best time, or simply finish!". At the bottom right, it says "RAIN Jersey by Revi" and "Displayed at www.rainride.org".

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