

RAIN 2006

2006 RAIN SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JULY 14th

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

SATURDAY, JULY 15th

*** 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 *RAIN2006***

*** 9:00 p.m.: Official END of *RAIN2006***

*** ALL TIMES EASTERN DAYLIGHT PENDING INDIANA'S DECISION ON DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME (Check Website) www.rainride.org**

WHAT IS RAIN 2006?: 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 2005, 1,110 riders started RAIN and 913 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 40) and 2nd (mile 65) rest stops and between Greenfield (mile 114) 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 RAIN2006 Headquarters. Blocks of rooms (RAIN Ride) with special RAIN rates have been set aside until June 15th at the following hotels:

Drury Inn	\$72.99	Phone (812) 238-1206	Pear Tree Inn	\$67.99	Phone (812) 234-4268
Best Western	\$62.00	Phone (812) 238-1461	Econo Lodge	\$59.00	Phone (812) 234-9931

For additional information, call the Terre Haute Visitors and Convention Bureau (812) 234-5555 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: FEES for RAIN2006 are \$35.00 for each 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 2 weeks) so we can have the right amount of food at the rest stops. Your entry fee includes: t-shirt, fanny flag with your number, maps, instructions, 3 rest stops with food and drinks, full lunch stop, and a finish souvenir. "Support Crew" T-Shirts as well as a 20th Anniversary RAIN Jersey will be available for sale.

REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION: Registration confirmations will not be sent. A list of pre-registered riders for RAIN 2006 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.

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 will have port-a-pots and a water truck. The second official rest stop is at Guilford Township Community Center in Hummel Park. Indoor restrooms (NO CLEATS) are available inside the community center. Additional restrooms, where cleats are allowed, are available further into the park (by the ball diamonds). The RAIN route winds through neighborhoods as it travels east using Camby Road, Southport Road, Epler Avenue, Thompson Road/Shelbyville Road and Edgewood Road to the lunch stop at the Franklin Township Middle School at the intersection of Franklin Road and Edgewood Avenue.

THE LUNCH STOP: Lunch consists of turkey, ham and cheese sandwiches and condiments. PB&J sandwiches 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 131) 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. It 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 sleeve jerseys by Revi are available. 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 2006 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 1st)

1.) RIDE FEE: \$35.00 per Rider \$ 35.00

(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.) JERSEY by Revi: ___Small ___Medium ___Large ___X-Large ___XX-Large Total x \$60.00 each= \$ _____

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

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

7.) SIGN RELEASE BELOW

8.) MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: RAIN2006

9.) MAIL TO: RAIN2006
Bloomington Bicycle Club
P.O. Box 463
Bloomington, IN 47402-0463

RELEASE, THIS MUST BE SIGNED!

I, the undersigned, freely acknowledge and realize the dangers of participation in RAIN2006 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 RAIN2006 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 RAIN2006 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 RAIN2006 including the Bloomington Bicycle Club 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 RAIN2006. 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 RAIN2006.

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: _____