



Spoke Folk Bicycle Club

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Registration has been open since November for RAGBRAI at RAGBRAI.com. The dates are **July 20-27, 2024**. It will be another great year of pedaling across Iowa with the "Carnival on Wheels"!

The route was announced on 27 January at the RAGBRAI party, ending months of anxious anticipation: Glenwood, Red Oak (44 miles), Atlantic (40 miles), Winterset (79 miles), Knoxville (74 miles), **Ottumwa (60 miles)**, Mt. Pleasant (82 miles), Burlington (45 miles). Total mileage is 434 miles, the 8th shortest. Total feet of climb is 18,737, the hilliest ever!

Ottumwa is excited to be an overnight stop again! There will be lots of work to do, so if you are local and can help on a committee, I'm sure they would appreciate it.

Also, any club member is welcome to stay at my house the night we are in Ottumwa. There are showers, flush toilets and lots of carpeted floors to sleep on, with air conditioning!

If anyone has a friend or relative in one of the other overnight towns that will let us camp in their yard, please let me know. We have our own solar shower, so we would just need access to a bathroom.

Even if you choose not to go on RAGBRAI this year, please keep your membership up so you can continue to receive info about the club and support us. Remember your club membership also gives you a discount at Josh's bike shop!

Membership & Gear forms

I've attached the membership form and the RAGBRAI gear form for 2024 to this email. There is a slight increase for gear hauling, due to increased truck rental and insurance prices, and a decline in the number of club members. Bus prices remain the same, thanks to the Y! This is still a very cheap "adventure" vacation, and I'm sure you enjoy the camaraderie and family atmosphere our small group provides.

RAGBRAI Registration:

Registration for RAGBRAI is on their web page called Enmotive. You can get the link by going to [RAGBRAI.com](https://ragbrai.com) and click on registration under RAGBRAI LI. You will need to set up an account, if you have not done this in the past. Be sure to sign up with Spoke Folk, with Marsha Parker as the captain. All members need to pay for RAGBRAI tickets through this web site. These tags will be mailed to Marsha in June, and I will hand them out on the bus to Glenwood.

Note that prices increase for registration depending on dates you register:

Weeklong Rider Registration

Registration Price Schedule:

- Early Registration: \$225 (November 15th, 2023- February 29th, 2024)
- Standard Registration: \$250 (March 1st, 2024- April 14th, 2024)
- Late Registration: \$275 (April 15th, 2023- Registration close on May 15th, 2024)
- No weeklong passes will be sold on the ride
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Weeklong Non-Rider Registration

Registration Price Schedule:

- Standard Registration: \$50 (November 15, 2023- April 14th, 2024)
- Late Registration: \$60 (April 15th, 2024- Registration close on May 15th, 2024)
- Event Registration: \$60 (July 20th – July 27th, 2024)

Day Pass Rider Registration

Registration Price Schedule:

- Early Registration: \$45 (November 15th, 2023- February 29th, 2024)
- Standard Registration: \$50 (March 1st, 2024- April 14th, 2024)
- Late Registration: \$60 (April 15th, 2024- Registration close on May 15th, 2024)
- Event Registration: \$60 (July 20th – July 27th, 2024)

Other rides

There are lots of other rides in the area you might be interested in, so be on the look out for them.

In summary:

1. Create an account on the RAGBRAI website if you have not done that previously
2. Register for the ride and submit payment to the Register - do this by Feb 29 to avoid additional fees
3. Complete gear and membership forms and submit with payment to the club PO Box by March 24

RAGBRAI is 170 days away! Start training now, so you will go up all those hills with ease!

Call, text or email me if you have questions. We welcome your friends to join our group also!

Marsha Parker

