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The Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA) is celebrating its 30th Anniversary tour June 16-23, 2018 around the central Ohio area.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to GOBA (if needed) and to update you on this great summer adventure. GOBA is a primitive camping, relaxed riding experience that allows our participants a chance to see some of the great towns and sites Ohio has to offer while enjoying the companionship of fellow riders. Ridership for this year's GOBA is limited to 1500 participants.

The 30th anniversary GOBA will begin and end in Delaware at the Delaware County Fairgrounds, starting Saturday, June 16 and ending Saturday, June 23. On Sunday, June 17, we travel from Delaware to London where we will camp at the Madison County Fairgrounds for two nights. Monday is a layover day where riders will have the opportunity to ride or take in a few of the local sites. Tuesday, June 19, we ride to Circleville and stay at Circleville High School. On Wednesday, June 20, we leave Circleville and go to Lancaster to stay at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds for two nights. Thursday, June 21, is a layover day and riders are offered a 50 mile ride or the challenging Century ride (100

miles) through the Hocking Hills area. On Friday, June 22, we travel to Newark and stay at the OSU Newark Campus/Central Ohio Technical College. Saturday, June 23, our last day, we ride back to Delaware and say goodbye to new and old friends until next year.

The staff and volunteers of GOBA strive to provide everything the riders will need to enjoy a fun filled week of riding. Your registration fee includes everything for the week except meals. For food, participants will have their pick of the best our host town and local groups have to offer.

TIME TO FILL OUT YOUR GOBA Medical Profile Form

ALL riders need to fill out and send a GOBA Medical Profile Form to mary.larson@outdoor-pursuits.org or by mail to: 27 E Home St, Westerville, OH 43081. This form is confidential and used only in the event of a medical emergency to offer appropriate aid. The link below will take you to the correct form at GOBA.com.

<http://goba.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/medprofile2018.pdf>

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Delaware

Welcome to Delaware!

Delaware, Ohio is GOBA's start and end location for the 30th Anniversary ride.

The downtown area is the epicenter of the city. It boasts The Strand Theatre, the longest continually run movie theater in Ohio, nearly 20 restaurants, most with outdoor eating spaces, quaint boutiques, antique shops, bookstores, cycling store, pre-prohibition style bar, micro-breweries and a wide selection of specialty ice cream parlors and coffee shops.

While the city and county of Delaware are named for the Delaware tribe, the city of Delaware itself was founded on a Mingo village called Pluggy's Town. The first recorded settler was Joseph Barber in 1807.

Even though Delaware is still a small community, when the capital of Ohio was moved from Chillicothe in 1812, Delaware and Columbus were both in the running and Delaware lost by a single vote to Columbus.

Among some of the earliest settlers were the parents of Rutherford B. Hayes, the 19th President of the United States. The Hayes home no longer stands, but a historical marker in front of a BP gas station marks the location.

Delaware County Fairgrounds is the home of the Little Brown Jug, a harness race for three-year-old pacing standardbreds. The Jug is the third and final leg of the Triple Crown of Harness Racing for Pacers.

London

Day 1 & 2: Sunday, June 17, & Monday, June 18

GOBA riders and families, welcome to London, Ohio! We are proud to be a host town for the 30th annual GOBA tour!

Some of you might already know that 2018 is London's fourth year playing host (previously in 2003, 2007, and 2011) and are aware of some of the interesting places to explore and many fun things to be enjoyed in our city.

For all of you newcomers, London has authentic neighborhoods, distinctive business districts, and a strong sense of place.

Here you will find a community that supports and strives for the success of individuals, businesses, and services. But most important to you, London is fun!

During your stay, you can take advantage of our many recreational opportunities such as canoeing at the Procter Center, bowling at Madison Lanes, taking in a matinee at the historic London State Theater, or just listening to great music!

Enjoy a quiet read at the London Public Library or learn about local history at the Madison County Historical Society.

For the gourmards among you, there is an array of gustatory delights from which to sample - from the frozen treats at Terry Family Ice Cream and hearty sub sandwiches of Phat Daddy's Pizza, to the intoxicating pitchers of margaritas at Los Mariachi's Mexican Restaurant.

And not to be missed is the fine spaghetti dinner presented by First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, or the famous baked steak dinner prepared by the ladies of First United Methodist Church held on Monday - both served from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

London will provide transportation from different pick-up points around the city free of charge.

Floor space will be available to riders for a small fee of \$15 for Sunday and Monday overnights in the Coughlin building at GOBAville (Madison County Fairgrounds). All

Ship Your Bike to Delaware!

Before shipping, contact Breakaway Cycling at 740-363-3232 or info@breakawaycycling.com.

The owner's name is Dan Negley.

Breakaway is not far from the Delaware County Fairgrounds at 17 W William Street, Delaware, OH 43020.

Check at www.bikeflights.com for shipping rates. Bike flights is a world-wide company which will ship both ways.

riders are encouraged to reserve a spot before embarking on their adventure. More information on this will be available in the May newsletter. Riders must provide their own sleeping mat or other gear.

The people of London cannot wait to greet you and make you feel at home on your upcoming adventure!



Location we will visit on Day 2: Clifton Mill at Christmas Time

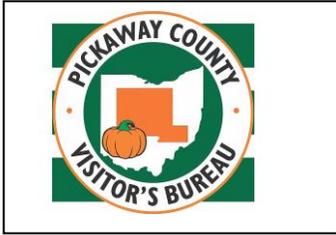
Circleville

Day 3: Tuesday, June 19

Rich in history, Pickaway County was the home of prehistoric mound builders. The name Pickaway is derived from the word 'pickaweeke', the name of a sect of Shawnee Indians that settled the Pickaway Plains. One of the unique communities in Pickaway County is Circleville and we are excited that you will be spending an overnight with us. While you are in Circleville we invite you to visit our historic downtown which includes Antiques, Art, Local Made Crafts, unique shops and dining options. Your day should include a stop at Wittich's Fine Candies & Ice Cream Soda Fountain, the oldest family owned candy shop in the United States. In addition, we suggest you stop by Lindsey's Bakery, The Ted Lewis Museum, the Clarke-May Museum, the Soldiers Monumental Museum, the Pickaway County Historical and Genealogical Library and be sure to view the mural celebrating our Bi-Centennial on West Main Street and the mural celebrating the Circleville Pumpkin Show on East Main Street.

The Pickaway County Fair will be taking place during your visit and features 4-H projects including livestock displays and creative displays, entertainment at the Grand Stand, amusement rides, and plenty of fair food options.

You might also enjoy a visit to The Pickaway County Library, the Pickaway County YMCA, or the Mary Virginia Crites Hannan Park which features a boundless playground, a splash pad, walking trails and a shelter house. Also in the county are 3 state parks, one state nature preserve and 7 golf courses, Circleville Raceway Park and many Parks. We are sure you will find plenty to do while you are here. To learn more about Circleville and Pickaway County please go to www.pickaway.com.



Lancaster

Day 4 & 5: Wednesday, June 20 & Thursday, June 21

Lancaster Welcomes GOBA!

Recently listed in Expedia's Top 10 "Small Cities for a Weekend Getaway," Lancaster boasts friendly faces, amazingly fun places, and thousands of acres of green spaces.

Lancaster offers GOBA visitors all the comforts of home – and then some. All three of the city's hotels have been recently renovated. Indoor sleeping at our historic Fairgrounds will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Concessions will be available at the Fairgrounds, or hop on one of our shuttles for a taste of Lancaster. Whether you are craving ethnic cuisine or good ol' comfort food...the perfect slice of pizza, a juicy burger, or a gourmet, home-made sweet treat...we've got it all! Three of Fairfield County's nine breweries and wineries are located in downtown Lancaster, not to mention some fabulous pubs where you can relax and hang out with your friends and some thirsty locals!

During your stay in Lancaster, here are some downtown activities you won't want to miss!

Take a trip through time and tour the scenic covered bridges. *Scattered throughout the county, there are more original covered bridges here than anywhere else in Ohio!*

Learn about the history and beauty of glass at the Ohio Glass Museum. *The exhibitions, expert resources, and live demonstrations of glassblowing and flameworking will amaze you.*

Walk along Lancaster's famous Square 13 Historic District. *Marvel at these outstanding examples of mansions and homes from the 1800s in the city's three National Historic Districts.*

Go Hollywood with the Decorative Arts Center. *See how costumes create illusion and help bring characters to life, featuring pieces from Paramount movies like "Forrest Gump" and "Mission Impossible." This is the only place this incredible exhibit will ever be displayed!*

Meet a famous Civil War General. *William Tecumseh Sherman's birthplace is fully restored and houses many family treasures, as well as an extensive Civil War exhibit that features a life-size recreation of Sherman's field tent.*

Grab the kids and go. *AHA! is an amazing children's museum, featuring hands-on activities for kids up to 12, such as Legos, a water table, a theater with costumes and sound system, and an outdoor nature area. (Located on the Lancaster Bike Path by the River City Mall; shuttle also available.)*

Discover your inner artist. *Experience one of our art exhibits and then create your own masterpiece at the Decorative Arts Center or Art & Clay on Main.*

Play in our parks. *Lancaster Parks & Recreation has acres of beautiful grounds with hiking, biking, fishing, tennis, disc golf, ball fields, and playgrounds, all within a few minutes' walk of your camp. Don't miss the chance to see the changing Ohio landscape from the top of Lancaster's iconic symbol, Mount Pleasant, rising above the Fairgrounds.*

During GOBA's stop, we are planning a variety of fun activities for everyone to enjoy. Come downtown for some great food and fabulous live music that our residents can't wait to share with you! Details will follow. Check out www.VisitFairfieldCounty.org for more information about the region.

Welcome, GOBA!

Newark

Day 6: Friday, June 22

Riding bikes is a way of life here in Licking County. With over 40 miles of paved multi-use paths and County-wide Pathfinder Routes, it's easy to get around on two wheels. It's not unusual for us to spend a day or a weekend peddling through our own backyard with friends and family. We're pretty proud of our commitment to the outdoors...that's why all of us are excited to welcome the 2018 Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure. We're anxious to share our beautiful landscapes...complete with welcoming neighbors and an optimistic sense of collaboration.

One of the first places you'll visit is our Ohio State University Regional Campus. A generation of passionate, committed local leaders petitioned The Ohio State University in the mid-1950's to choose Newark as the home for one of its new regional campuses. The first building was constructed in 1966 and new buildings and expansions continue to grow through local contributions.

Once you are settled in at OSU-N, catch a ride to Downtown Newark. The Downtown Newark Square has recently undergone a three year, multi-million-dollar revitalization, which included new streetscapes, historic renovations to many of the Italianate facades as well as major renovations to our Second Empire County Courthouse. Just south of the square, take a stroll through our Canal Market District, an open-air Farmers Market Pavilion. The farmers market will be open from 4pm to 7pm featuring locally sourced food, live music and maybe a few food trucks. Market Street Soda Works, conveniently located with the Market District offers a wide selection of glass bottled soda from all over the country, as well as a variety of local draft sodas on tap from around the Central Ohio area.

Art lives in Downtown Newark too, from the historic architecture to the music you'll hear coming from Thirty One West. Thirty One West is a live music venue with a mission of uniting our community through art and music. They regularly showcase local, regional, and national talent in the creative arts. The multi-level Thirty One West is also home to Bootlegger's Bar, Moe's Original Bar B Que, Sage Yoga, Denison Art Space and Little Arrows Play-Cafe.

REMINDER:

GOBA riders are responsible for their own equipment, including medical devices. GOBA is not able to provide electrical plug-ins and advises riders to look into battery-power devices.

YOUR GOBA MEDICAL

DIRECTORS SAY... If you have any of the following medical problems or conditions, we recommend that you see your doctor for clearance to participate on GOBA, and for any prescriptions, you may need for the week, be sure to bring them with you!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**Before GOBA:**

Packet stuffing: 6/6 & 6/7;
Load/unload trucks on Fri 6/15 & Sat 6/23

Contact: Mary Larson at mary.larson@outdoor-pursuits.org

During GOBA:

Truck drivers needed for GOBA supply and equipment trucks. A current driver's license required!

Car Camper Coordinator need to direct car campers to the proper location. Contact Mary Larson at mary.larson@outdoor-pursuits.org for more details!

Registration & Info Booth on tour: Shifts available for the first Sat., or all week; many options for times & days. Contact: goba@outdoor-pursuits.org

GOBA Safety Cycle team: Help run the Safety Show in Delaware, Sat. & Sun 6/16 & 6/17. For details contact: Jody Dzurainin, joddzurainin@gmail.com

Grab a bite to eat at one of our local restaurants downtown where your food is prepared by our neighbors. Park Place Bistro, Barrel & Boar, Elliot's Wood Fired Kitchen & Tap are just a few of the local hot spots.

Stay tuned for some other exciting activities we are cooking up for you during your visit to Newark. We like to say, "Whether you are from out of town or from down the road, when you're here, you're one of us."

**GOBA Safety Pledge**

Safety is important on GOBA. Please review the Safety Pledge at goba.com. All riders will be asked to sign the pledge at check-in in order to receive their rider packets.

In addition, everyone, especially new riders and parents with kids under 14, are invited to the Safety Show (only last 20 minutes), running continuously on Saturday afternoon, June 16, starting at 2:00 pm. The June newsletter will have more details.

LODGING INFORMATION

GOBA is first and foremost a camping tour. However, if you want to stay in a hotel you must make your own arrangements, including transportation.

Indoor camping (floor sleeping) is limited but all host towns will offer some form of indoors sleeping!

Early reservations are available! There will be limited spaces available on first-come, first-serve the day you arrive in camp like in prior years.

Newark does not have indoor camping available but has offered 30 rooms (60 beds) at one of their dorms on campus.

Space is limited... so take advantage of early reservations. Fill out the form on the back page and mail it back to us.

Information to watch for in May!

- **SONG CONTEST:** Friday night in Newark
- **GOLDEN GOBA dinner...** for riders on their 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th or 30th GOBA tour this June.
- **Downloadable Rider Maps...** GOBA is moving to an electronic rider maps with **Ride with GPS**. Limited paper maps will still be available.

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27 E Home St
Westerville, OH 43081

GOBA 2018 – INDOOR CAMPING FORM
Fill out one for each RIDER and PLEASE PRINT

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ email: _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

_____ \$10 per person – **Delaware** (1 night) at Delaware County Fairgrounds (Merchants Building)

_____ \$15 per person - **London** (2 nights) at the Madison County Fairgrounds (Coughlin Building)

_____ \$10 per person – **Circleville** (1 night) at Circleville Elementary School

_____ \$15 per person – **Lancaster** (2 nights) at Fairfield County Fairgrounds (4H Display Barn)

_____ **Newark** – OSU Newark Campus dorm – space is limited to 30 rooms (60 beds) linens and towels included in price
\$60 per person for double room (1 night)

_____ Yes, assign me a roommate

_____ No, my roommates name is: _____

_____ \$120 per person for a single room

\$ _____ **TOTAL DUE**

Make check or money order payable to: GOBA (only in US dollars & drawn on US bank) No Refunds!

Mail to: GOBA Indoor Camping, 27 E Home St, Westerville, OH 43081

Any questions, please contact Mary Larson at mary.larson@outdoor-pursuits.org or at the GOBA office 614-273-0811