

# Join the ride!

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It's everything you want - and more, in a bike ride.

This year's 3rd annual Ride to Remember bicycle ride held July 8 in Bluffton took bike riders as far they wanted to go – from 2 miles to a 112-mile Gran Fondo. This year 215 riders participated, making it the largest-ever attended ride in the three years the ride has been held. The first ride had 100 participants. Last year it had 150.

The ride supports the Bluffton Lions Foundation's bike and pedestrian pathway project which, when competed, will encircle the entire the village of Bluffton.

The ride has four loops, plus a 112-mile challenge, each is on flat terrain.

- Triplett Challenge of 112 miles had 29 riders.
- Main loop has distances of 63 miles with cut-offs at 13, 18, 23, 40, 50 and 56 miles.
- Bold loop is 100-miles.
- Fun loop of 10 miles is for families and those new to cycling. It offers 10 locations with arrows pointing towards something. Riders are to match a riddle with those locations. Two portions of the loop are on Bluffton bike paths.
- Town loop of 2 miles is for riders who want to see Bluffton University or for the triathlete who wants a run after the ride followed by some laps in the pool.

#### **Rest stops**

- Snacks, drinks and rest rooms provided at rest stops.
- One stop on the Bold loop, three on Main loop for 40, 50, 56 and 63-mile riders.
- Town park with water and restrooms for 50, 56, 63-mile riders.
- Rest stop at finish for all loops.

#### Navigation

- White arrows painted on roads at all intersections. At least one arrow prior to each intersection and a single arrow after.
- Signs posted where loops separate and at all cut-offs.
- Maps given at check-in for all riders.
- Large maps posted at registration and rest stops.

#### Ride headquarters

Bluffton Family Recreation, 215 Snider Road, hosts registration on the morning of the ride. The ride's end is next door at the Bluffton Community Swimming Pool. At the ride's end is an optional lunch provided by The Dough Hook, a Bluffton Main Street deli. Jim Boedicker, local musician, performs for riders at the ride's end.

For more details go to: www.ridetoremember.net

## Here's a photographic look at the 2017 ride











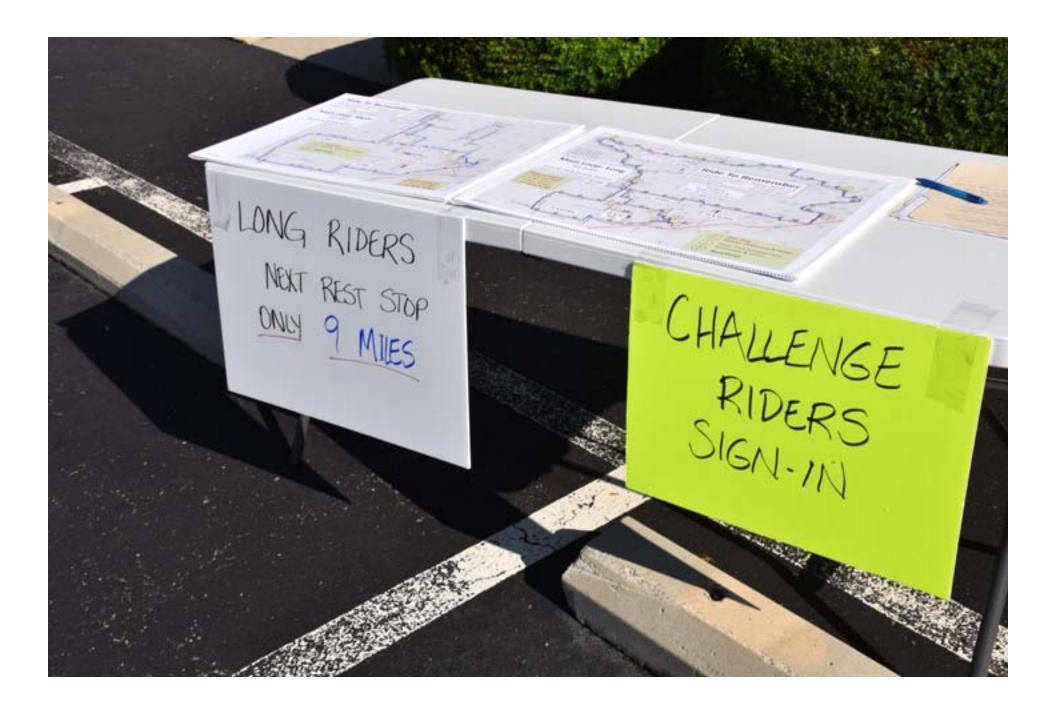








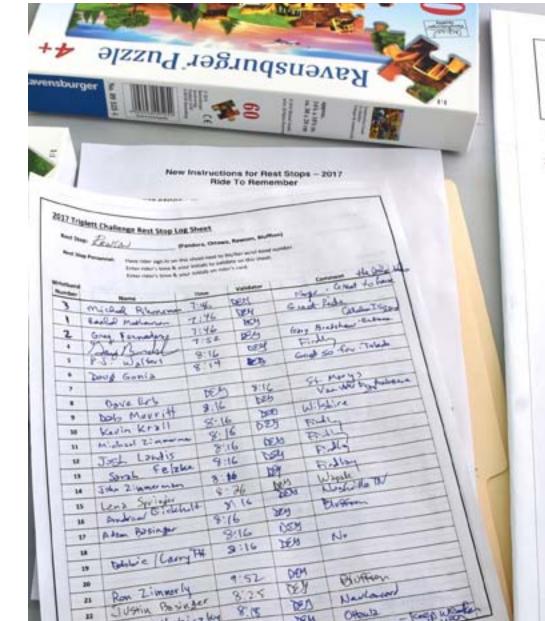












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