

Hi Everyone!

I can't believe it is already June. Somehow this year passed too quickly, but it is very nice to have summer weather for our rides. So, just in case you haven't heard, this year's event to benefit the Hoosic River Watershed Association is set for Saturday August 23 (rain or shine of course).

We have a new location--Bennington College in N. Bennington, VT--which promises to be wonderful. The building is spacious and new, with ample facilities, great garage-door like walls that will open on the lawns for our awesome weather, and a bar, so that happy hour can be immediately

following the event, in conjunction with the picnic. More importantly, perhaps, is that the location lends itself to the creation of new routes!

While we are still working on the exact roads for the two longer routes (we'll have these posted at www.hoorwa.org by the end of July), we are offering the following:

13 Mile Bridges and Monument Loop created with family and less ambitious riders in mind. That's not to say that it is without gradual climbs and rolling terrain, but is certainly very doable for the part time cyclist.

35 Mile Two State Tour will incorporate some of the roads of the shorter route above, but will take participants into neighboring New York to check out the Hoosic in that region.

The Three-State Watershed Challenge will be that, a challenge. It will contain many favorites from the previous year--such as the Petersburg climb--but it will offer some new roads too.

New this year!

Kids 12 and UNDER can ride FREE (Bridges and Two State Tour) with a registered adult! But, that adult must ride the route with them, ok? It makes our insurance provider less nervous as you might guess. Post Ride Happy Hour on-site with one free beer for each participant aged 21 or over. You're welcome to have more, but you will need to purchase these yourself. An eco-friendly shopping bag with our great ride logo on it! Hey, we're an environmental organization so we're trying to think of ways to help. You'll still get a water bottle (as we try to minimize the use of cups at the event).

A new logo for this year's great commemorative jersey! Where else can you get such a cool and quirky jersey for \$65? As in the past, we'd love for you to help us raise money for HoorWA, so email me if you're interested in a free jersey and HoorWA membership.

Ok, that's it for the moment. Sign up NOW! We are pretty cheap relative to the competition, and if you sign up before Aug. 1 you save yourself \$10.00.

Happy riding and I hope to see you in August!

Cheers,

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PS-HooRWA just lost their person who did the website, so, please be patient as we try to get stuff current there. (any volunteers????)

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