



Rider Registration - required of all riders

Mail Completed form to: MESA RIDER: P.O.Box 867, Elyria, Ohio 44036

Name _____

Street _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

I am a Rotarian and member of the _____ Rotary Club. _____ I am Not a Rotarian

Indicate your riding plans for the Tour: I plan to ride ___ 1/2 day ___ 1 full day ___ 2 or more days ___ All 7 days

Indicate by checking below which days or day parts you plan to ride and if lodging will be needed (multiple day riders only)

	First Half	Second Half	Lodging needed	If you will only ride a short distance (less than half) check here
DAY 1 Fremont to Perrysburg	_____	_____	_____	_____
DAY 2 Perrysburg to Swanton	_____	_____	_____	_____
DAY 3 Swanton to Defiance	_____	_____	_____	_____
DAY 4 Defiance to St. Mary	_____	_____	_____	_____
DAY 5 St. Mary to Marion	_____	_____	_____	_____
DAY 6 Marion to Mansfield	_____	_____	_____	_____
DAY 7 Mansfield to Fremont	_____	_____	_____	_____

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in any way in MESA Bike Tour sponsored Bicycling Activities (“Activity”) I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I understand the nature of Bicycling Activities and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity. I further acknowledge that the Activity will be conducted over public roads and facilities open to the public during the Activity and upon which the hazards of travelling are to be expected. I further agree and warrant that if at any time I believe conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activity.

2. FULLY UNDERSTAND that: (a) BICYCLING ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS AND DEATH (“RISKS”); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE “RELEASEES” NAMED BELOW; (c) there may be OTHER RISKS AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation or that of the minor in the Activity.

3. HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE MESA, any Rotary Club, Rotary International, their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, members, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the “RELEASEES” herein) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON MY ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE “RELEASEES” OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS; AND I FURTHER AGREE that if, despite this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Participant’s Signature _____ Date _____

(I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE) (only if age 18 or older) **Registration is complete only with signed release.**

Rider Information and Registration

2008 ROUTE



See other side for
registration form

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Elyria, OH 44036

Day 1: Sunday, July 13

Fremont to Perrysburg - 51 mi

After a big send off party with Fremont Rotary, head west for lunch in Bowling Green. Then north to Perrysburg.

Day 2: Monday, July 14

Perrysburg to Swanton - 45 miles

Take a casual short ride into Toledo to join the Toledo Rotary for their club meeting at noon. Then it's off on the trails west to Swanton.

Day 3: Tuesday, July 15

Swanton to Defiance - 48 miles

Head west Archbold then on to Bryan for lunch then south to Hicksville and east to Defiance for more fellowship with Defiance Rotary.

Day 4: Wednesday, July 16

Defiance to St. Mary - 62 miles

Follow the Auglaize River then head south for a lunch by a farm pond. Then on to St. Marys and the Bicycle Museum later that evening.

Day 5: Thursday, July 17

St. Mary to Marion - 72 miles

Grab a tailwind and head east to Kenton for lunch. Then ride that wind on into Marion.

Day 6: Friday, July 18

Marion to Mansfield - 56 miles

Another day to ride the tailwinds. First into Galion for lunch then later into Mansfield for an evening of fellowship again.

Day 7: Saturday, July 19

Mansfield to Fremont - 70 miles

The last day is always all downhill isn't it? We'll find out as we ride first into Willard then on to Fremont. A super closing ceremony will feature fellowship to celebrate another successful tour.

Who Can Participate? Any adult (age 18+) who has an interest in participating in any part of the Rotary Bike tour for MESA. However, riders must assure that they are in good health, have ridden the target distance before, and have a bicycle in good working condition. Riders do not have to be members of a Rotary Club to participate.

What is the usual daily schedule? The ride begins at 9:00 am on each day of the tour. There is a daily lunch stop planned - most often around noon but dependent on actual miles, speed and weather. The lunch is usually spent with Rotary club host members. After lunch, the group rides to the final destination. Often there are interesting sights to view and stop at along the way. We try to end each day around 4:00 pm.

Is there ride support? Yes. Maps are provided for each rider. There will be one or more vehicles available to support riders with water, food, tools, and first aid if needed. If a rider needs to be picked up and returned to the starting place, the support vehicle will do that. Mechanical assistance is very limited, as riders are expected to be able to make most repairs themselves.

Will the route use busy highways? Mostly we use quiet country roads for our route. Sometimes a busier road or highway must be used for a very short ways as a connecting link, and busy roads are crossed of course. Riders should be prepared for a variety of roads along the way. Isolated bike trails are used only if they offer a better route - very few are ever on our routes.

Do I have to ride the full distance for the day I choose? Most riders probably will ride the full day and then arrange to have a way back to the day's starting point. However, some riders will want to ride only half or part way and then ride back to the starting point. This is acceptable; however, the returning rider(s) may be on their own without any support from the tour.

Can I ride more than one day? Probably. There are limited spots available due to limits for lodging and with the primary support vehicle for the week-long riders. However, some days may have openings available. If you are interested in riding more than one day, or riding some irregular schedule of days, you should send in your registration as early as possible. **Or contact Ed Stewart, Ride Coordinator, at 440-322-7300.** If you are interested in riding the full week, you must make arrangements ahead of time.

How fast do bicyclists ride on the tour?

Normally there will be two groups of riders, one group riding at 15-18 mph and the other riding at 12-15 mph on the average. If you are unable to maintain around 12 mph for 10 or more miles at a time you probably should not consider riding more than half a day. The tour is not really for beginning bicyclists.

Are pledges or donations required? The bike tour is a major fund raiser for the MESA project. While donations or pledges are not a requirement, riders are expected to have a connection to a donation in some way. Many riders will be sponsored by their Rotary club on a per-mile basis. Others represent their club's overall donation. Non-Rotarians still may ride when sponsored by clubs or individuals.