

## Tour of Minnesota Frequently Asked Questions 2 1 2017

Are helmets required?

Yes, helmets are required when ever you are on the bike, even on the day off. Our insurance requires is.

How many riders do you allow?

150

Cost?

\$485. Details on the web site.

Will registration be activated on the site Feb 1?

Yes, a link on the tour web page and via email in the registration update.

Do you offer tent service? If so how much?

Yes, Pork Belly Ventures. <http://www.tourofminnesota.com/services.html>

What is the likely timing for posting a route to Frontpack?

Steve from FrontPack has told me our route will uploaded by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Is there a massage service?

Yes, Glen Morey will be provided massage, please coordinate with Glen.

Details on the web page and in the registration update.

<http://www.tourofminnesota.com/services.html>

We are going to register on the 1st but I'm wondering if the entire fee is absolutely required at registration or if it's possible to do, "say" a few hundred \$ non-refundable deposit?

We had added the option to pay half at registration and the balance in 30 days or March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Does the Tour sell out? Wondering if it is possible to register a bit later in the spring.

We have had 108, 118, 125 riders the past three years. We have doubled the advertising budget for 2017 so I really can't say. In two days, we are half full with 73 registered riders as of 2/2/2017.

## Tour of Minnesota Frequently Asked Questions 2 1 2017

### Parking

I was just wondering, what kind of parking situation will be available in Stillwater?

We will be parking and leaving our cars at Oak Lund Junior High with extra police rounds.

How much is the tour and do you have a list of hotels in the participating locations?

Yes, please see our tour page called cities. The hotels on the top are closest, click on the link at <http://www.tourofminnesota.com/cities.html>

If we stay in a hotel are we responsible for getting ourselves and our gear to them?

We provide a shuttle service for \$2.00 per day. We do not shuttle bikes due to liability.

Hotels. Are the hotels close?

Hotels on the Tour of Minnesota cities pages are close to the camping location. The ones on the top are closest.

<http://www.tourofminnesota.com/cities.html>

Are the trails that you are using this year paved?

Most of the trails are paved. The Gandy Dancer for day 6 is very hard packed and great for a road bike. I use the Mom test. I won't let the tour on a road or trail I would not let my 86 year old Mom on. She road 2100 miles and every day in April, 2016. I use the Mom test.

Can we sleep in schools?

No, staying in schools as emergency back up only. We will be staying on the school grounds. The contract I made with the schools states that we will camp on the grounds, have access to bathrooms and showers and that the schools will be our emergency backup in case of severe weather.

How do we decide who gets in. Is there a lottery or is it first come, first serve.

First come, first serve.

# Tour of Minnesota Frequently Asked Questions

2 1 2017

## Information for Emergency Contacts

The information I required for registration/emergency contact is thorough though no more so than other rides. In the event of an emergency, I want as much information and as quickly as possible in case I need to contact loved ones. Hopefully, we will never need to use it.

## Luggage Requirements

Please limit your gear to one large bag or two smaller bags. Weight limit 50 pounds total. Tents, sleeping bags, pads need to be inside a bag. Your name should be on your bag with a visible tag. If you are bringing a chair, make sure it is securely connected to your bag and labeled with a luggage tag.

## Can we bring our own sag driver support?

The Tour of Minnesota is in our 43<sup>rd</sup> year and is a fully supported week-long bicycle ride with bike repair, gear transport, SAG support, tent/porter service, massage service with camping and shower arrangements so we don't have a need for individual sag support.

Camping - what do we need to provide for ourselves? tent? air mattresses or sleeping pad, and am I correct in thinking that we will actually be in school buildings rather than in tents. Obviously we have sleeping bags.

No we will not be staying in school buildings so you will need camping gear mentioned above. There is a great packing list on our archives page.

<http://www.tourofminnesota.com/archives.html>

We are in Texas and don't have enough time to drive to and from Minnesota with our bikes. What is the best way to get our bikes to Minnesota? or is it possible to hire a bike for the tour and would that be a better idea? If you are going to bring your bikes I would use Bike Flights. Guaranteed. Professional. Safe. They are great.

Or you could go to your local bike shop, have them pack your bike, ship it to Penn Cycle and have them unpack it. This is not a free service. Or rent a bike from Penn Cycle.

## **Penn Cycle 2 Bloomington**

3916 W. Old Shakopee Road

Bloomington, MN 55437

## Tour of Minnesota Frequently Asked Questions 2 1 2017

<http://penncycle.com/articles/at-your-service-pg653.htm>

What other equipment do we need to provide and what is provided for us?  
Bike, helmet, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, tent and clothes. On the bike you will want to have rain gear, sunscreen, extra tube, bike repair kit, pump.

Is there a recommended packing list?

There is a men's and women's packing list on the archives page.

Is there a number limit for participants? Do we have time to think about the finances for this, does registration fill up quickly?

Yes, 150. First come first serve.

Shuttles from MSP to Stillwater

Uber Minneapolis St. Paul Airport

<https://www.uber.com/airports/msp/>

Or use the Uber app

Super Shuttle

800-258-3826

<https://www.supershuttle.com/locations/minneapolisstpaulmsp/>

Airport Shuttle Service

612-333-2222

[http://www.airporttaxicab.org/airport\\_shuttle\\_stillwater\\_mn.php](http://www.airporttaxicab.org/airport_shuttle_stillwater_mn.php)

Airport Taxi Service

612-406-8100

[http://www.airporttaximinn.com/?gclid=CP\\_L5\\_3c8tECFVC4wAodITIA\\_w](http://www.airporttaximinn.com/?gclid=CP_L5_3c8tECFVC4wAodITIA_w)

Checks

I am sorry, we do not accept checks for the tour.

If you have questions, please contact me.

Thank you,

Bob Lincoln

Ride Director, LCI

[drumminglibrarian@hotmail.com](mailto:drumminglibrarian@hotmail.com)

952-215-5056