

Join us June 17th - 24th, 2016
on the trails of Northern Minnesota.

**Registration closes
May 13th.**

That is only 11 days away!



May 1st Update 2016

We have had some great press in the past two weeks, an article in the Star Tribune and Have

Fun Biking.

Star Tribune Article

[Tour of Minnesota, aka 'Jaunt with Jim,' rolls](#)
[June 17 Star Tribune Article 4 28 2016](#)

Have Fun Biking

Did you know we were recently listed as one of the [Top Ten Bike Rides to Start Your Summer Fun](#) by Have Fun Biking. Check it out: [Have Fun Biking](#)

Welcome to the 2016 Tour of Minnesota. If this is your first time receiving this email update, we welcome you. If you are considering joining the ride, we would love to have you join us. If you are already registered, way to go. If you will be working with our group this year, thank you in advance for all that you do, we couldn't do the ride without your help.

Did you know we are already **3/4 full** on our way to **150 riders**. We have **114 people signed up** as of this morning and 150 will be our max due to camping sites.

Please excuse the duplication, some of the

information is repeated because we have many new riders signed up and I want to make sure they get the information they need.

Hello,

My name is Bob Lincoln, Ride Director for the Tour of Minnesota formerly the Klobuchar Ride. I have been a part of this ride on and off since I was about 14 when I did my first one. Since that time, I have ridden about 26 times and more recently was named the Ride Director. I look forward to meeting all of you at check in at

Crow Wing County Fairgrounds

June 17th from

4:00-8:00 PM.

I just completed my 7th scouting trip

The groundwork has been laid, the route selected, the meals organized, rest stops reserved, camping sites surveyed and contacts confirmed. We are looking good for June.

If you would like to be on our mailing list, please click here:

[\(Sign up for our email list here\).](#)

Registration will close May 13th or when we reach 150 riders, whichever comes first. That is only 11 days away.

If you haven't signed up yet, there is still time but I wouldn't wait too long. Please click on the link below to register:

Registration Includes:

Registration costs \$425 this year and includes 19 meals including two meals on the day off (new this year), a beautiful route including the Paul Bunyan, Heartland, Migizi and Shinobi Trails, camping arrangements and showers, gear transport by David Fier, bicycle repair with Michael Weiss of Penn Cycle, rider sag support with Kathy Zimmerman, a free copy of Frontpack App, sag support and a commemorative t-shirt.

What is not covered with registration?

You pay for your own snacks, beverages at rest stops, after riding and adult beverages if you choose.

[Register Here](#)

It would be great if you could join us, we are a bicycling group with an eating disorder.

Tell your friends, tell your neighbors, share on [Tour of Minnesota Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

Meals

Breakfasts will be served at 6:00-7:00 AM.

Lunches on location, time varies.

**Dinners will be served at 6:00 PM,
happy hour at 5:00 PM, if you choose.**

Vegetarian Option

We will provide a vegetarian option again this year. If you sign up for the vegetarian option, please choose this option when dining. I have specific numbers for regular meals, vegetarian option, gluten and lactose intolerance.

New This Year - Real Silverware

In an effort to be more environmentally conscious, we will have real silverware at many catered meals, instead of plastic forks and knives that end up in the trash. Please make sure the silverware goes in the silverware bus tubs after your meals.

Camping at Schools

When we are staying at schools, alcoholic beverages are prohibited. Please

respect this rule as it will help us stay at schools
in the future.

Maps

[Tour of Minnesota Google Map 2016](#)

Camping Addresses

If you plan to hotel/hostel it, here are the addresses of our camping locations so you can locate a stay near our group.

[Camping Sites](#)

Note:

If you plan to stay at a hotel/hostel/cabin apart from the group, there will be a nominal charge of \$1.00 for dropping off the gear and \$1.00 charge to pick up the gear in morning to defray the cost of gasoline.

Commemorative T-shirt and Sizing Chart

[Commemorative T-shirt](#)

[Sizing chart Womens](#)

[Sizing chart Mens](#)

[Sizing chart Youth](#)

Floravelo Women's Jersey and Sizing Chart

[Women's sleeves](#)

[Women's sleeveless](#)

[Women's sizing chart](#)

Palmasino's Men's Jersey and Sizing Chart

[Men's jersey](#)

[Men's sizing chart](#)

Field Trip

If you would like to go on a field trip to the Gull Dam Brewery ([Gull Dam Brewery](#)) the last night in Pine River, I have arranged a shuttle bus to pick you up and drop you off. Please email me with the subject "Gull Dam Yes" in the subject line. There might be a small charge for the bus ride depending on numbers.

Our Route

Penn Cycle and Fitness

Penn Cycle and Fitness is a family owned, locally operated retailer with seven convenient locations. Penn Cycle is Minnesota's #1 Trek dealer. Penn Cycle is a full-service sales and repair bicycle shop. Penn Cycle also offers bicycle repair support during the Tour of Minnesota. Mike Weiss from the Bloomington store will be with us again this year providing repair service. Check them out at: <http://penncycle.com>

Front Pack

FrontPack is a mobile app and web site for cycle

touring. From the road, you stay connected and can access the maps you'll need, with your route clearly marked, even without a cell signal! You can post photos to the map to share the experience along the way. If you have cell service, you can find local food, lodging and other services. The feature I will rely on the most, especially on the days we are on trails, we can use Live Tracking, all right from your smartphone.

Tour of Minnesota 2016 is proud to offer this new technology for free to all riders. The app is available publicly today for Android and iPhone from the App Store.

Please download the app here:

[Front Pack](#)

In the case of an emergency, using Front Pack could help us locate you on the trails.

Hostel at Itasca

How would you like a hot shower, warm, clean and comfortable accommodations complete with linens with your reservation at Hi Mississippi Headwaters Hostel? Dorm beds are \$26.00 per night plus tax. If you mention you are a rider with the Tour of Minnesota bike ride, I will waive

the additional \$3.00 daily membership fee. Please check out my website for more information or to make reservations at www.hiusa.org/mississippiheadwaters.

Thank you,

Sara Parthun

Manager Hi-Mississippi Headwaters Hostel

Cities

We will meet on

June 17th in Brainerd

June 18th bike to Walker

June 19th bike to Park Rapids

June 20th to Itasca State Park

June 21st day off in Itasca

June 22nd to Bemidji State Park

June 23rd to Pine River

June 24th back to Brainerd.



Tour of Minnesota Cancellation Policy

Cancellations received on or before April 15, 2016 will be refunded the full trip fee less \$75.

Cancellations received between April 15th, 2016 and May 15, 2016 will be refunded the full trip fee less \$100. Cancellations received after May 15 will forfeit entire trip fee. All cancellations must be received by email.

[Check us out at www.tourofminnesota.com](http://www.tourofminnesota.com)



A group photo on the steps of Thorson Hall at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota 2015.



Our youngest rider adorned in a cape. He was 7 years old and rode 300 plus miles.

If you have questions, feel free to contact me:

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FORMERLY THE KLOBUCHAR RIDE

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