

## IVBC 2023 RAGBRAI Charter Final Info Letter

Greetings, you are receiving this final info letter because you will be using some form of our charter services during RAGBRAI L, July 22 -29. You should know what your involvement with us will be and have received a confirmation from me. Take from all this information what you need and disregard the rest. I'm emailing one copy to a family/household contact. If I miss someone who needs a copy, please let me know, and I'll gladly send them a copy.

Special note to riders not riding out to Sioux City on the bus but joining us during the week: Included with this info packet is a sheet with all our camping locations. Just go to that location and find our truck - identify yourself to one of our drivers (David or Matt McKibben) - they will have a list and be expecting you. If you are arriving in the morning, you must get there in time to load your gear on the baggage truck before it rolls out at 7:00 am (every morning).

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The RAGBRAI Committee members and other club members are working diligently preparing for your arrival here in Marshalltown, Iowa on July 22 to load up and travel to Sioux City for the start of RAGBRAI . The purpose of this document is to give you all the information you will need to finish preparation for your week long bicycle ride across the state of Iowa. Whether you have ridden RAGBRAI many times or this is your first time, IVBC wants to do everything we possibly can to ensure you have an enjoyable and safe trip. We're looking forward to hosting you and hope you are getting excited about your visit. Those that have done RAGBRAI before know what to expect, but they also know that this RAGBRAI will be different; each RAGBRAI has it's own personality and that's what keeps us coming back. Those that are riding for the first time have probably heard the war stories and might be somewhat apprehensive. Please don't worry, with the information I'm presenting here and the support of all the other IVBC RAGBRAI Charter Team members, you'll do just fine.

The keys to enjoying RAGBRAI are a tuned-up bike and a tuned-up body - you have just a few days to put the finishing touches on both. Safety is also very important. Saturday afternoon, after we arrive in Sioux City, please plan on going by and viewing the 13 minute "Ride Right" safety video, which will be running at the RAGBRAI headquarters - signs will be posted. The room is always air conditioned and trust me, by then you will enjoy the cooling break.

Our "Tips List" has a tremendous amount of information; be sure and read through it carefully. I have included a copy as an attachment to this email. Plan on heat and humidity but cool nights. It will probably rain sometime during the week. In case of storms at night, each overnight town will have shelters setup and if needed we will be directed to them.

As always, I have a special request concerning baggage. The limit is 2 bags, soft sided, 40 lb each. The drivers have to stack the bags all the way to the ceiling in the truck. This makes heavier bags very difficult to handle and hard sided cases will not nestle, taking up too much valuable room. So **please**, two soft sided bags no more than 40 lb each. Another quick note: before you arrive on the 22nd, please make sure your peddles will break loose and come off. Over time, peddles tend to become very tight and can be **very** difficult to remove. Making sure they will come off easily will same time (and skinned-up, busted knuckles) when loading on the 22rd.

We will have our traditional Cracker & Cheese Social Meet & Greet, Saturday afternoon, in camp, from 5:00 to 6:00.

Cell phone charging is available. We have a multi-phone/device charging station developed by one of our club members, Burt Clover. Burt improves our charging station a little each year, but we can not charge e-bike batteries.

Once again, welcome and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at 6:30 a.m. on July 22.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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**For Marshalltown Lodging see:**

<http://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en-us&q=lodging.+50158&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8>

**IVBC RAGBRAI L Bus & Semi-Truck Loading & Departure Schedule**

**Departure - Saturday, July 22**, Marshalltown Community College parking lot - 3700 S. Center St. ( Hwy 14- 1/4 mile south of US Hwy 30). Week long parking during RAGBRAI is permitted (no Charge).

QR code for check-in & parking:



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6:30 a.m.	Begin loading (you are responsible for removing your bike pedals - pedal wrenches and people to help will be available). You can tape the pedals to your bike or put them in a bag and carry them with you on the bus. Just don't lose them.
6:30 - 8:00 a.m.	Report to registration desk to check in and pick up IVBC RAGBRAI charter packet
7:45 a.m.	Board bus and conduct final head count. A cooler of pop, sport drink, and water will be located at the loading door of the bus - help yourself to a drink for the trip to Sergeant Bluff - coolers will not be put on the bus.
8:00 a.m.	Depart for RAGBRAI L starting town - Sioux City. Bring snacks and something to drink. One potty stop is planned.
12:00 p.m.	Arrival in Sioux City - de-bus and remove luggage and place it off to the side near the bus. Upon arrival of the semi-truck please help to quickly unload the bikes. Don't worry about waiting for your bike, just take them as they are handed off the truck, take them a short distance away from the truck, and lay them down, derailleur side up.
5:00 p.m.	IVBC Charter Cheese and Cracker Social in camp. Meet your fellow IVBC RAGBRAIers and have a little fun - Drawing for door prizes.

**Departure from Davenport (Moline, IL) - Saturday, July 29**

Before 1:30 p.m.	After finishing the ride in Davenport and wheel-dipping, ride to IVBC charter bus and trucks located at The Mark, Moline, IL (across the Mississippi). Friday night we will have detailed information on where we will be located and the route to get there. Once you arrive, remove your pedals from your bike and hand it up to the helpers loading the truck.
2:30 p.m.	Start boarding bus and taking head count
3:00 p.m.	The bus and semi will depart promptly
6:30-7:00 p.m.	Arrival back in Marshalltown