

Tour de Franklin Bike Ride Info:

Date: Sunday, April 28, 2019 (Rain or Shine)

Time: Arrive at starting location by 9:00AM

Where: Franklin High School - (500 Elizabeth Ave., Somerset)

Yes, it's that time of year again. Time for the Tour de Franklin bike outing. It is important to know that this is a fund raiser for the **Franklin Food Bank**, and a tour of Franklin Township. It is **NOT** a race! Anyone interested in participating is welcome. I plan to do the 25 mile route. Depending on the readiness level of those riding with me, we may modify the actual course and length as seems appropriate.

Any adults who wish to ride along will be welcome. In fact, extra "chaperones" may be helpful if we need to break up into smaller groups (depending on how many decide to take the challenge). Adults who choose to ride may also choose to ride separately from the swimmers and go at their own pace, or take one of the other length routes. (The [Tour](#) offers a range of biking and walking routes - 62mi, 40mi, 10mi, etc.).

As far as registration fees and sponsorships go, remember that this is a fund raiser for the Franklin Food Bank. All such monies go towards this end. Twelve & Under registration cost is \$15, all other students registration is \$25, and adult registration is \$50. You can either register online at the <https://franklinfoodbank.org/events/tour-de-franklin-2/>, or do so on the morning of the ride. Yes, you may wait until the day of the event to register on-site (at least I've always done so in the past). However, if you plan to do this, please arrive early to do so.

Remember that there is no rain date for the Tour. They will have it on Sunday no matter what the weather, but I would recommend using your own good judgment regarding this.

As far as registration goes, online registration available via the Franklin Food Bank website. (<https://www.firstgiving.com/event/FranklinFoodBank/2019-Tour-de-Franklin-Charity-Bike-Ride/register>)

So, please mark your calendars and start doing a little preparation for the

ride.

About the course:

The course uses mainly back-roads thru Franklin Township and is quite an enjoyable ride. However, I must point out that there are some short sections of the ride along routes such as Cedar Grove Lane and Amwell Road. Also, although there is not generally a lot of vehicular traffic on most of the roads used, it is an “open course”. That means that the bikers will share the road with vehicular traffic. If you are uncomfortable with this, it would be best not to ride the course.

Again, this ride is not for speed! The focus will be fun, socializing, a good cause and accepting a challenge.

Hope to see many of you there!

– Henry

NOTE: Bike rentals available this year. [Click here if interested.](#)