

23rd Annual Shenandoah Valley Century

Sunday, September 11, 2005

Bicycle rides of 25, 50, or 100 miles through
the scenic and historic Shenandoah Valley of Virginia

Sponsored by the Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Club

The Shenandoah Valley Century is a special bicycling event sponsored in conjunction with a number of bicycling organizations nationwide that are offering similar rides during September. The term "century" refers to the longest ride being 100 miles (a century of miles). Century rides originated in the late 1800's. Cyclists would attempt to ride 100 miles in under 10 hours. Now, rides of various lengths are offered to suit all abilities with no time limits set.

We invite you to join us and others on the SHENANDOAH VALLEY CENTURY for some of the finest cycling to be found. Scenic vistas, small towns, beautiful farms, quiet roads, and more. All routes are paved and have low traffic volume. Participants ride at their own pace; the event is not a race. Maps are provided and the route will be patrolled by automobile sag to provide assistance as needed. A food and drink stop is provided every 25 miles and at the midpoint of the 25 mile ride. At the end of the ride, bicyclists are treated to a variety of baked goods donated by the Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Club members.

To avoid delays in waiting for the sag, be prepare to fix minor repairs yourself, e.g. a flat tire.

DATE: Sunday, September 11, 2005

TIME: 100 mile ride: registration 7am; start 8am
25 & 50 miles: registration 8:15am; start 9am

PLACE: Hillendale Park shelter #11
Hillendale Avenue
Harrisonburg, VA

COST: Individual \$9.50 pre-registration (see registration form)
Family \$24 (3 or more family members)

Registration includes route map, marked route, route patrol, mechanical help, food and water stops during the ride, and after ride treats. Massages and patches from the League of American Bicyclists (a national bicycling organization) will be available after the ride for a nominal fee. ANSI OR SNELL APPROVED HELMETS ARE REQUIRED.

Harrisonburg is easily reached from the north or south via I-81. Hillendale Avenue is off Route 42 (South High Street) on the western side of the city. Parking in Hillendale may be limited. Additional parking is available at the nearby Food Lion and other locations.

INFORMATION: Art Fovargue (540) 433-9247
Marcia Lamphier (540) 432-3312

The registration form is on the back of this flyer. Additional forms may be obtained at Harrisonburg area bicycle shops. Participants are encouraged to pre-register.

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Name (s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address (if you want to be notified electronically next year) _____

Tour distance (check one) 25 mile _____ 50 mile _____ 100 mile _____

Cost \$9.50/person (must be postmarked by 9/6/05 or received by 9/10/05; \$12 thereafter) \$ _____

\$24/family (3 or more members) \$ _____

RELEASE: In consideration of the Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Club sponsoring a tour on the above date, I state:

1. I shall be _____ years of age on the tour date and have no physical or other limitations preventing me from riding a bicycle on this tour. Furthermore, if I am under 14 years of age, I will ride with an adult over 18 years of age. Name of adult _____
2. I have inspected my bicycle for this tour and I know it to be in reasonably good and safe condition for this tour.
3. I have adequate and reasonable knowledge of what is prudent and safe bicycle riding and shall ride in that manner, for my own protection, and for the protection of others.
4. I agree to check in with those operating the tour at the end of my ride so that they will know when I am finished on the tour route. Furthermore, if I quit my ride on the tour before completion, I agree to inform those operating the tour that I am finished.
5. In signing this release for myself, or for the named entrant, I understand that the Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Club, club officers, club members, the League of American Bicyclists, the City of Harrisonburg, and any others connected with this event are not responsible for, and are not insurers of, my personal safety during the ride. I recognize that bicycling on the roads may be hazardous and that various dangers such as rough roads, railroad tracks, etc. may be encountered.
6. In case of cancellation due to means beyond our control, a full refund cannot be guaranteed.

I thus release the above organizations and their officers, employees, and members and agree to absolve and hold them harmless from any and all liabilities arising from my having sustained any property damage or personal injury by reason of their negligence in participating, sponsoring, planning, or arranging this event. I shall abide by all traffic laws and practice courtesy and safety in bicycling. I shall wear an ANSI or SNELL approved helmet.

Signature of rider: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian
if rider is under 18 years of age: _____

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN THIS RELEASE. THIS REGISTRATION FORM WILL NOT BE HONORED IF THE RELEASE IS NOT SIGNED.

Mail form and check payable to Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Club to

SHENANDOAH VALLEY CENTURY
c/o Art Fovargue
1043 Chestnut Dr.
Harrisonburg, VA 22801