Ride Allegheny 2020
Daily Briefing

Pre-Departure

- Welcome to RA20—thank you for making the trip.
- Reminders: Waivers signed? Bike and bag loaded? Tag on bike and bag?—helmet and bike shoes?
- Safety is first priority:
    - 911 in case of emergency
    - Buddy system and trail bosses (never ride alone)
    - Memorize your rider number—needed at strategic check points along the trail
- Put your bag on the vehicle daily—follow signage at bag drop locations
- Tip your mechanic
- Relax and have fun!!!!
- Put your bag on the vehicles by 7:30 a.m. (Thursday)-- follow signage at bag drop location at Marriott
- 1 October begins at 8 a.m. in front of the Homestead Marriott Courtyard (briefing for rookies and ready to bike—Grab and Go breakfast at hotels or on your own.
- Dinner on your own in Homestead (walking distance or Uber to "South Side")
- Remember to gather bag and bike after departing bus
- Remember cue sheets
- COVID-19 Protocols: masks, distancing at rest stops and when off bikes.

Thursday, 1 October (DAY 1) (8:00 AM)

Morning Brief (rookies)—Marsh

- Welcome everyone, especially those who met us in Pittsburgh
- Bag should already be loaded by 7:30 PM
- Thank you service members/veterans riding
- Be safe and maintain social distancing. Call 911 if an emergency, use buddy system, know your rider number, stay hydrated);
- Report your rider number to SAG volunteers at each stop
- Tip your mechanic
- Review cue sheet (provided with bag and on website on each day's ride tab
    - Directional signage for portion of ride on roads (McKeesport)
    - Check points—West Newton (rest stop on left when you enter town), Connellsville, and Ohiopyle/Confluence (know your number)
    - Lunch is on your own—or pizzas and some pasta served at Connellsville rest stop
    - Dinners in Ohiopyle/Confluence/Chalk Hill at 7:30 p.m.
    - Shuttle to Chalk Hill leaves Ohiopyle at 5:30 p.m.

Evening Briefs at Dinner

- Ohiopyle & Chalk Hill (bus leaves Chalk Hill at 7 a.m. for return to Ohiopyle)
    - Breakfast at Falls Market—6:30 a.m.
    - Bag drop deadline at 7:30 a.m. (Yough – pronounced "yock" Plaza)
- Confluence
    - Breakfast at Parkview Cafe, Confluence House, Hanna House—7 a.m.
    - Riders departing Confluence before 9 a.m. will be unsupported (let SAG know if you plan on leaving before 9 a.m.)

Friday, 2 October (DAY 2)

- Tip your mechanic
- Stay hydrated
- Review highlights of cue sheet:
    - Toast at Rockwood, PA rest stop—**check point**
    - Optional lunches at Meyersdale—**check point**
    - Enjoy the downhill ride into Cumberland
    - Happy Hour at The Crabby Pig at the end of the trail at Canal Place in Cumberland—**check point**
    - Dinner option in Cumberland (suggestions)
        - Ristorante Octaviani—25 North Center Street, Cumberland
        - Baltimore Street Grill—82 Baltimore Street, Cumberland

Saturday, 3 October (DAY 3)

- Bag should already be loaded (Ramada/Fairfield) by 6:30 AM, Late Group 7:30 AM)
- Long day—stress importance of safety (911 in an emergency, buddy system, trail bosses, rider number, stay hydrated)
- Review highlights of cue sheet:
    - Prior Paw Paw Tunnel rest stop—
    - Depart canal at mile marker 70 (approximate) and enter paved W MD Rail Trail—take into Hancock, MD
    - Hancock, MD—lunch on your own (Weavers, etc.)—**check point must depart Hancock by 2:30 p.m. or be sagged**
    - Dam #5 rest stop—**check point** (photo op)
    - Bike to hotels—**follow RA directional signs; must depart Williamsport by 6 p.m. or be sagged to hotels**
    - Group dinner (non-registered riders must pay) at Ramada Plaza—7:30 p.m. (price covered in registration)

Evening Brief at Dinner

- Put your bag on the truck by 8:30 a.m.
- Breakfast at hotels—starting at 6 a.m. (Grab & Go)
- Leave in waves depending on pace (slower riders leave by 7:30 a.m.)

Sunday, 4 October (DAY 4)

- Bag should already be loaded by 8:30 a.m.
- Trail boss is there to ensure safety and assist where needed
- Be safe on the roads
- Tip your mechanic
- Highlights from cue sheet:
    - Taylor's Landing rest stop—**check point**
    - Brunswick—lunch provided (pizza) or on your own in town—**check point**
    - Dickerson Conservation Park —**check point**
    - **All bikers at Brunswick before 1:15p.m.,** or be sagged
    - Bike 2.6 miles to Calleva (follow RA signs)
    - Food and drink available at Calleva (credit cards only—no cash)
    - Bags will be at Calleva for retrieval