

RA 2023 Bag Guidance

Where will your RA bag be every day? As a general statement, when you are staying in a hotel your bag will either be in a conference room in that hotel, or in front of the hotel. If you are staying in a hotel where the bag truck is parked (Courtyard in Pittsburgh, Fairfield in Cumberland, Ramada in Hagerstown), please bring your bag to the truck in the morning. Otherwise the next morning return your bag back where you got it from unless there is a sign stating to do something else.

Some specific notes for particular locations:

Thursday-

All Ohioyle bags will be at the Yough Plaza in OP. Please drop off at the truck on Friday.

All Confluence bags will be on the front or side porch of the following places:

- 1) If “out of town” your bag will be at your house. This includes Hanna House, the Cottage, and the Bubble
- 2) Your bag will be at the Riverview Kitchenettes (629 River Road) if you are at the following: Riverview Kitchenettes, Confluence Rent 4, Riverview 2, Yough Nest
- 3) Your bag will be at Shoreline B&B (418 Jacobs Street) if you are at the following: Shoreline B&B, Rathskeller, Bungalow

For those places, Friday morning leave the bags where you picked them up Thursday.

Aside from that, as mentioned above, unless the bag truck is in a hotel parking lot where you are staying, leave your bag where you found it the previous night.

Notes for riders:

- 1) When you are dropping your RA bag off at the truck, know where you will be staying that night (it is on your tag!); we put the bags in different piles in the truck for easier unloading at hotels.
- 2) Put the tag with the colored stickers **ON THE END OF THE BAG**. Do NOT put the tag on the bag side handles....it is harder to find your bag when they are stacked up when the tag is not on the end.
- 3) Before dropping off your RA bag, Velcro the two handles together. It is easier to move the bag around when they are together.
- 4) Put some kind of identifying marker on your bag (colored tape, colored ribbon, marker name on outside). You will be glad you did so at the end of a long day of riding when there are dozens of bags that look the same.
- 5) It is smart to put the contents of your RA bag into a wet bag or kitchen garbage bag. Things leak in the back of the truck, or in case of rain when bags are laid out.
- 6) **PLEASE don't attach ANYTHING to the outside of your bag**. If you need to bring something CRITICAL (like a CPAP) that does not fit in your RA bag, at bag pick up on Sunday October 1 get an extra bag tag (with your hotels listed) and attached it to the extra bag. Things attached to your RA bag will be removed.

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