



--Blue Island Bicycle Club--

Ride Schedule for 2006 season

All rides take place on Saturday at 10 am from Memorial Park, unless otherwise noted.

Rides are free with no advance registration unless otherwise noted.

Contact the ride leaders or the Park District (385-3304) for more information.

Pace is generally between 10-12 mph

April:

1--Clean-up in Whistler Woods *with Lincoln and Whittier Schools*. Meet at Major Taylor trailhead at E. end of parking lot off Halsted and Jackson/134th St (near Joe Louis golf course) at 10 am. Wear clothing appropriate for the weather. Bike trailers, wheelbarrows and wagons are especially useful. Gloves and tools will be provided by Friends of the Parks, and Friends of the Forest Preserve. Contact: Jane Healy

22--Clean-up in Whistler Woods. The BIBC adopted this Forest Preserve so we are now stewards. Meet at Major Taylor trailhead at E. end of parking lot off Halsted and Jackson/134th St. (near Joe Louis golf course) at 10 am. Wear appropriate clothing. Bike trailers, wheelbarrows and wagons are especially useful. Gloves and tools will be provided by Friends of the Parks, and Friends of the Forest Preserve. Contact: Jerry Dagenais

May:

13--Major Taylor Trail. Route length--12 miles Children are welcome. Ride leader: J. Healy

28--Bike the Drive. Start at Queen's Landing from 5:30am-7:30am. Route length--15 or 30 miles. Register at bikethedrive.org, cost \$35 for members of CBF, \$40 for nonmembers (kids \$5)

June:

3--Old Plank Road Trail. Meet in parking lot of Target (on Cicero, near Lincoln Mall) at 10:00 am. Route length--13 to 32 miles r/t. Bring enough money for lunch or a snack in Frankfurt. Car pooling available from Memorial Park, leaving at 9:30 am SHARP. Map/directions available. Ride leader: Jim Kennedy

18--Southside Unity Ride. In conjunction with the Major Taylor Society, we will be hosting the 20 mile route of this mixed length ride (12 and 30 mile routes also available). Meet at the parking lot of Percy Julian High School (Vincennes and 103rd Street) at 7:30 am. Contact: Jane Healy 388-8662

WED, 28--Family Bike Ride along the Lakefront Bike Path in Chicago (in conjunction with Bike Chicago 2006). Meet at the landing below the main entrance steps to the Shedd Aquarium (W. side) at 6:30 pm. Ride ends at Navy Pier (Haagen Daz ice cream parlor). In the past, there have been free fireworks at the Pier at 9 pm. Route length--approx. 6 miles. Parking is readily available on Solidarity Drive (quarters--\$1/hour) or in nearby lots. Ride leaders: Jane and Mike Healy **Day of event: cell phone 308-8662**



July

4--Blue Island Fourth of July Parade. Come join us for a celebration of our country's independence by riding with the Blue Island Bicycle Club and the Blue Island Eagles in the parade! Meet at Hart Park one hour before the parade kickoff to decorate your bike for the event. First prize of a new bicycle awarded to children in each age group under the age of 12. Contact: Jane Healy

7--Beverly Classic Criterion Race/Tour de Beverly Family Ride (5 & 10 mile rides). For more information, go to www.bapa.org.

15--Tinley Creek Trail Ride. Meet at 10:00 am in the parking lot off 135th Street, just E. of Harlem. Car pooling available from Memorial Park, leaving at 9:40 am. Route length--12 miles. This ride is mostly downhill! Ride leader: Jerry Dagenais

29--Channahon/Morris Ride. Meet at 10 am in the Channahon State Park parking lot. Take I-80 W to I-55 S. Exit going west on Rt. 6. Follow signs for the state park. Car pooling available from Memorial Park, leaving at 9 am sharp. Route length--22 miles. Bring money for lunch in Morris. Bike path is not paved, but is hard packed limestone screenings. Ride leader: Jim Kennedy

August

12--Kankakee River Bike Trail. Meet at 10 am in the parking lot at Kankakee River State Park. Take I-57 South. Exit at Kankakee (Rt. 17-West). Turn N. (right) on Rt. 102 (just before bridge over river). Follow signs for state park. Car pooling available from Memorial Park, leaving at 9 am sharp. Route length--21 miles. Bring a brown bag lunch. Ride leader: Jim Tomaszewski

26--I & M Canal Trail. Meet at 10 am at the I & M parking lot (Archer and Willow Springs Rd. in Palos Park Forest Preserve system). Car pooling available from Memorial Park, leaving at 9:30 am sharp. Route length--11 miles. Ride leader: TBA

September

9--Boulevard Lakefront Tour (BLT)--Mixed length organized bike ride focusing on Burnham's "Emerald Necklace" of Boulevards around the city. 10-, 32-, and 60-mile lengths. Meet on the Midway Plaisance (at the Univ. of Chicago) between 6:30 (60 m) to 8:30 am (10 m). Festival picnic runs from 10 am-1 pm. Register at biketraffic.org. Contact: Jane Healy

23--Chicago Lakefront (north)/Devon St. Meet at museum campus belvedere (large round balcony overlooking LSD) AT THE DINOSAUR in front of the Field Museum at **10:30 am**. Parking available in various lots as well as metered spots in area. Metra accessible via IC Electric line from Vermont, Burr Oak, or Ashland stations (Exit at Roosevelt)--bring a bungee cord to attach your bike to the railing. Catch train 216 (9:18 am at Vermont); limit of two bikes/car. Ride leader: Jane Healy **Day of event: cell phone 308-8662**



September (cont.)

30--National Public Lands Day--Join the Friends of the Parks in a clean-up of Whistler Woods. Meet at Major Taylor trailhead at E. end of parking lot off Halsted and Jackson/134th St. (near Joe Louis golf course) at 10 am. Wear clothing appropriate for the weather. Bike trailers, wheelbarrows and wagons are especially useful. Gloves and tools will be provided by Friends of the Parks, and Friends of the Forest Preserve. Contact: Alice Brandon

October

7--Major Taylor Trail. Route length--15 miles. Ride leader: Jerry Dagenais

14--Mrs. O'Leary Memorial Ride. Celebrate the culmination of Fire Prevention Week with this fun-filled ride to lay flowers on Mrs. O'Leary's grave in nearby Mt. Greenwood. Festive attire encouraged. Ride contact: Bernie Clancy

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