



--Blue Island Bicycle Club--

Ride Schedule for 2008 season

Please read ride description for specific details! Rides are free with no advance registration ('Show and Go') with the exception of the Bike n' Dine event. **Premier events** are in bold face type. Club members are highly encouraged to participate in the special activities. Contact the ride leaders or the Park District (385-3304) for more information (see end of form) or visit www.bibc.us.

Ride pace is generally between 10-12 mph (novice friendly).

April:

12--Family Fun Ride. Meet at Memorial Park field house at 10 am. Contact: Jane Healy

26--Earth Day Clean-up in Whistler Woods *with Lincoln and Whittier Schools.* Meet at parking lot off Halsted and Jackson/134th St (near Joe Louis golf course) at 10 am. Entrance is just S. of the Cal-Sag canal. Wear clothing appropriate for the weather and bring gloves (boots!). Some tools and garbage bags will be provided by Friends of the Parks, and Friends of the Forest Preserve. Contact: Jane Healy

May:

10--Family Fun Ride. Meet at Memorial Park field house at 10 am. Contact: Jane Healy

18-- at 9 am Wolf Lake Ride to Lincoln Park Zoo. Route length--approx. 50 miles. Dress for the weather. Don't be intimidated by the distance; you can choose to take the Metra Rock Island train or the CTA Red Line most of the way home. Meet at the Rangers Station at Wolf Lake (near Hegewisch). Ride leader: Jim Tomaszewski.

25--Bike the Drive. Start at Grant Park (Queen's Landing) starting from **5:30am** until **7:30am**. Route length--15 to 30 miles. Register at bikethedrive.org, cost \$35 for members of CBF, \$40 for nonmembers (kids \$10).

June:

7--Ice Cream Social Ride. Meet at the main steps to the Shedd Aquarium at 6:00 pm. Route length--4-10 miles r/t. finishing up at Navy Pier (Haagen Daz Ice Cream parlor). This is a family-friendly ride, so plan on an easy pace along the lakefront and through some interesting areas that are off the beaten path. Make sure that you have lights and/or a safety vest for all riders as this ride will finish up in the evening. Free fireworks at Navy Pier at 10:15 pm. Ride leaders: Jane and Mike Healy **Day of event: cell phone 308-8662**

(Tip: you may wish to park at Navy Pier, since the ride ends there, but be aware that parking is expensive (\$23). It is much cheaper to park on Solidarity Drive, where you pay the meter with quarters for \$1/hr).

TBD... poss. June 14--Bike n' Dine Event--with the Beverly Bicycle Club--Join us for a fun outing through Beverly, Morgan Park and Blue Island, as we travel from food venue to food venue for four fabulous courses. Cost: \$25/person. Leave from the Kennedy Park field house (115th and Western) at 3:30pm. Limit of 20 adults. Contact: Jane Healy

22--Family Fun Ride. Meet at Memorial Park field house at **5 pm**. Contact: Jane Healy



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 Cub Scout Pack 3785 in the parade! Meet at 121st and Western, (near AutoZone), one hour before the parade kickoff (11am?) to finish decorating your bike for the event. Festive attire encouraged. Contact: Jane Healy

**Please note: As of press time, race dates or not confirmed! Please check the website routinely for up-to-date information.*

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

***12--Blue Island Classic Criterion Race & Fest.** Fabulous racing event with rising stars in the bike world. This is an extremely exciting event to watch! **Volunteers needed!!!** Regularly updated information available on the Blue Island Main Street website (www.blueisland.org), www.bibc.us, or International Cycling Classic (www.internationalcycling.com/schedule.shtml) Consider hosting riders in your home for the weekend. Last year many of our members housed riders from places as diverse as Germany, Italy, Cuba, Venezuela and New Zealand! Contact: Jane Healy

***13--Riverdale Classic Criterion Race.** *New!*

20--Local Ride. Meet at Memorial Park Field House at 10 am. Ride leader: Jim T.

26--Tinley Creek Trail Ride. Meet at 10:00 am in the parking lot off 135th Street, just E. of Harlem. Route length--12 miles. This ride is mostly downhill! Ride leader: Jerry Dagenais

August

1--Family Fun Ride. Meet at Memorial Park field house at **6 pm**. Contact: Jane Healy

10--Waterfall Glen Ride. Meet at Waterfall Glen at 10 am, just S. of I-55 (exit Cass Ave. S. and proceed to Northgate Road). Trail is crushed limestone. Route length: 19 miles. Ride leader: Jim Tomaszewski.

23--Family Fun Ride. Meet at Memorial Park field house at 10 am. Contact: Jane Healy

September

7--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) - 8:30 am (10 m). Festival picnic runs from 10 am-1 pm. Register at www.boulevardtour.org.



Sept. (cont.)

14--Family Fun Ride. Meet at Meet at Memorial Park field house at 4 pm. Contact: Jane Healy

20--Old Plank Road ride. This is a family-friendly ride that travels a rails-to-trails conversion. The overall route is very flat, much of it shaded, and there are many opportunities to view wildlife. Bring money for lunch or ice cream in Frankfurt. Ride length: 10 miles (with the opportunity of going much further). Meet in the N.E. corner of the Target parking lot on Cicero Ave, just S. of Lincoln Hwy, at 10 am. Ride leader: Jane Healy **Day of event: cell phone** 708-308-8662

27--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. Gloves, bags and tools will be provided by Friends of the Parks, and Friends of the Forest Preserve. Contact: Gerry Dagenais or Jane Healy.

October

11--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 (Old fashioned, Fire-themed, Cow). Fire Truck escort! Ride contact: Gerry Dagenais

December

6--Blue Island Festival of Lights Parade. Join us for this annual celebration of all things crisp, cold and winter! Dress in LOTS of layers since we will be spending at least 30 minutes standing around waiting to get started. All bicycles *must* have lights--this could be as simple as a headlight and taillight blinkie, or chemical glow-sticks, or as complex as battery-operated, multi-colored LED Christmas lights (battery operated lights are sold at Walgreens and the Blue Island Jewel). No Santa suits allowed, although Santa hats and elf costumes are encouraged. Meet on Gregory Street and approx. Prairie (look for bicycles!) 30 min. before parade kick-off. After the parade, please join us for festivities at the Blue Island Public Library (hot cider, hot chocolate, cookies, caroling, live entertainment).

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