

# 2019 Primavera “Two Weeks to Go” Newsletter

## **If you cannot ride this year...**

Transfer your registration. It is free. Give/sell to a friend or use Craigslist (SF Bay Area) or our Facebook page. In order to transfer your registration to another person:

- Collect your money from the transferee. Please, no scalping. Transferring is free.
- Go to [Transfer](#) to fill out a transfer form. This is also the place for the transferee to get a registration form.
- The transferee can send in the Transfer form or simply go to the [Transfers tab](#) online as long as it is received by April 14. After April 14, they'll need to process the transfer on the day of the event by going to the transfer line at check-in and do it in person. We accept faxed or scanned transfer forms. On day of, we will even accept looking at the form on a smart phone.

The price is the same for all distances (with the exception of the Fun Ride) so a distance registration is good for any route. Fun Ride registrations can not be upgraded after sellout.

## **Get your bike in shape**

We will have professional mechanics at registration and each rest stop, but they should be for emergency repairs. So, think ahead - this is a good time to get that new chain, tires, brakes, etc. See our sponsor page for excellent shops. If you join [FFBC](#), the bike shops offer a 10% discount on most items.

## **Rain**

The Ride is on, rain or shine. If the rain is forecast for the afternoon, you may wish to consider a shorter route to get back before the rain. If there is rain in the morning, we will keep the registration for the 100K routes open until 9:45AM. You may be able to enjoy Calaveras and at least get in a nice ride, even if it is not a full century. Cutoff times do not change and the course still closes at 5:30.

Even if it rains and you do not ride, please show up in the afternoon and receive your goodie bag and a food truck meal. We have already paid for the food trucks, so you might as well come down and enjoy.

## **Day of The Ride**

Parking: Look for parking attendants who will flag you into the school lot on Palm Avenue, just off Mission Blvd - the address is [41717 Palm Ave, Fremont, CA 94539](#). If the lot is full, park on the street. Do not park at the private swim club across the street. Many people opt to park at the 'park and ride' near the school at Mission San Jose Park, just north of the High School (41400 Mission Blvd).

BART is an option since the ride is on Saturday this year so the trains run early enough to get you to the start on time.

Registration: Please proceed to Registration which is near the front of the school. There is bike parking there. Enter and go to a table and sign a release form with your emergency contact number. The release form can also be found at [Release Waiver](#). If you have a minor child, a minor release form is required. Take the signed form to the line for your last name. Transfers after April 14 go to the Transfers/Problems line.

Rider Packet: You will get a manila envelope rider packet. Rider numbers have been pre-assigned alphabetically by last name – if you're curious, you can see your rider number posted on the [Entrants list](#) on the Primavera site. Give the nice person at registration your name, take the envelope and go outside. The envelope will contain:

- **Bike number** with ties - mount the number on the handlebars using the three ties that are in the envelope. Additional ties are on tables outside. We listened to the problems attaching last years and have kept away from using pins in those nice jerseys.
- **Wrist band** with your rider number (same as bike number).
- **Packet of Chamois Butt'r.**
- **Packet of sunscreen.** We will also have bottles of sunscreen at registration as well as all the rest stops.
- **Lip balm** with SPF 15 sunscreen.
- Pre-ordered Primavera **jersey or socks.**
- **Route sheet** for the route you signed up for. If you want to change routes, there are extra sheets on a table outside, as well as at the first three stops. If you are changing from a distance (100k or longer) ride to the Fun Ride, please show up at 10 AM, and go to the transfers line.

Please go outside where there is more room to put on the numbers, secure your wrist band, and pocket your goodies. But, on your way out, check out the sales table for:

- 2019 jerseys. Quantities are limited; first come, first serve at \$65
- Socks, both this year's and a few older ones at \$10
- Previous year's jerseys, very limited sizes at \$45

- Cue-clips, great pricing at \$5
- Water bottles, even better pricing at \$3

Also, we will have coffee, bagels and bananas.

Changing routes: It is OK if you signed up for a different route, you can ride the one that you want on that day. One exception: If you signed up for the Fun Ride, you cannot upgrade without purchasing someone's distance registration. Alternatively there are some options to add some distance out at Coyote Hills.

Please place your empty envelope in the "reuse envelopes" box for us to use again next year. It is Earth Day and reuse is better than recycle, and much better than land fill.

Bag Drop at the start: If you want to leave that new jersey or socks, or another item, put your registration envelope in the Bag Drop and pick it up at the finish, or take it to your car and exit the parking lot to the right to be on course. Please no valuables in the bag.

Starting the ride: Once you attach your bike number to your bike, you are free to take off. There is no mass start.

### **Along the Route**

Directions: It is a good idea to read the Travelogue [HERE](#) for a preview of the interesting things you'll see on your ride. Routes are marked on the pavement with arrows that look like a **P**.



Green arrows for 100K, white for 25 miles (Fun Ride), and orange (even though it looks red in the photo) for 85 and 100 mile routes.

There are also signs. The route sheet is there to help as well. You can preview the route at [Primavera Routes](#), where you can download the route into your Garmin or printout the route sheets. If you get lost, call the SAG coordinator number on the route sheet.

Bag Drop: The weather may be cool in the morning and then warm up. Instead of carrying those extra layers, you can put them in a clothes drop bag at the Ed Levin, Sunol, and Rios-Lovell Winery rest stops. Label the drop bag with rider number, name and phone and it will be there for you at the end of the ride. Please no valuables in the bag. Since the Palo Verde stop is close to the end, there is no bag drop there.

Keeping it Safe: It is important that everyone obeys traffic laws. There may be extra police along the route. They are there for your protection, but also to enforce the law. Rules of the road are on the route sheets. Read and obey them.

### **Special Note on the Route**

100K and 85/100 mile routes have a slight change this year that we'd like to highlight to avoid confusion. At approximately mile 35.1, heading north into Pleasanton, the two routes split. The 85/100 mile route continues straight on Sunol Blvd. while the 100K route turns right onto Sonoma Street. 100K riders please be careful not to follow a 85/100 mile rider and miss this turn. The route arrows will show the proper route.

The routes will cross again in about 1 block as the 100K riders go west on Junipero/Valley St while the 85/100 mile route continues on Sunol Blvd. Pay attention to your route arrows.

### **This is NOT a race.**

SAG: SAG vehicles are there to help. They are marked with green flags. They all carry a pump and a couple spare tubes and can transport you to the nearest rest stop. Every rest stop has a professional mechanic. The SAG coordinator phone number is on the route sheet. If it is a medical emergency, call 911 first.

Rest Stops: Rest stops are manned with volunteers from the Fremont Freewheelers Bicycle club and we are there for you. We will have gluten free items so ask for them if that's your preference. There will be electrolyte pills and sunblock. If you don't see something, just ask. Your wristband is your entrance to the rest stops.

Trash: There are three types of trash receptacles:

- Compost
- Recycle
- Land Fill

It is Earth Day, please take an extra 10 seconds to sort your trash and reduce landfill. If you have a knife, fork or spoon, it is probably for land fill. We have a large stock from years past and there was no sense throwing them away without using them first.

Photos: Again, Captivating Photos will be out along the route to take photos. Check their [website](#) a few days after the ride for pictures of the ride. Pictures will be sorted by ride number.

### **At the End of the Ride**

When you get back to the High School, check back in and you will receive a post ride goodie bag with some cool stuff and your meal voucher for a food truck. There are four savory food trucks featuring a variety of meals, including Mexican, America, Korean, Indian, and Greek food. All trucks have vegetarian options.

There are also drinks, cake and ice cream. Warning: cake/ice cream are unlimited.

Many of our sponsors have donated smaller prizes that will be randomly given to returning riders. Kids will get medals.

Don't forget to pick up your clothes drop bag.

Free massages will be available. Tips encouraged.

### **Volunteering**

Significant others and friend of riders can also have a good time that day by volunteering. Go to [Volunteers](#) to sign up. They get a t-shirt and a couple surprise gifts. With a little planning, they will see you on your travels. Volunteers working two shifts also get a meal truck voucher. Regardless, they can join for drinks, cake, and ice cream.

### **FAQs**

Check out the [FAQs tab](#) at the website. If you still have questions, write [primavera@ffbc.org](mailto:primavera@ffbc.org).