

PRIMAVERA 2024

Dear Primavera rider:

We look forward to seeing you on April 21! Here are the important things to know about the ride.

Unlike previous years, the starting point is Ohlone College in Fremont (directions below).

For questions, please see [Primavera FAQ](#) or email us at primavera@ffbc.org.

The Primavera Committee

4/18/2024: Route Marking warnings on the 100 mile route

There are route markings on the course from other organized rides, particularly on the 100 mile route, that can be very confusing. Make sure you follow the Primavera “P arrow” marking.

Here is an example of what you might see. The Brand-X arrow marking going left are not our route – follow the “P” on the bottom right, going straight ahead.



4/18/2024: Additional Safety notes:

For distance riders:

- On the 100 mile route, after the summit of Altamont Pass, be careful when descending Flynn Road North. Some of the turns get tighter after you enter them. The pavement says SLOW. They mean it.

- After leaving Sunol, there is a stop sign just after the 680 overpass. Cars exiting 680 North there don't stop. Be sure that you stop and look before proceeding.
- After the initial steep descent from the top of Calaveras Road (aka "the Wall"), riders will turn right on Felter Road. Note that you have a stop sign but cross traffic on Felter does not.

For Fun riders:

- On Mission Boulevard, 500 feet after passing Stevenson (mile 24), the road narrows under a railroad bridge. You can avoid the narrow spot by riding through the sidewalk tunnel to the right

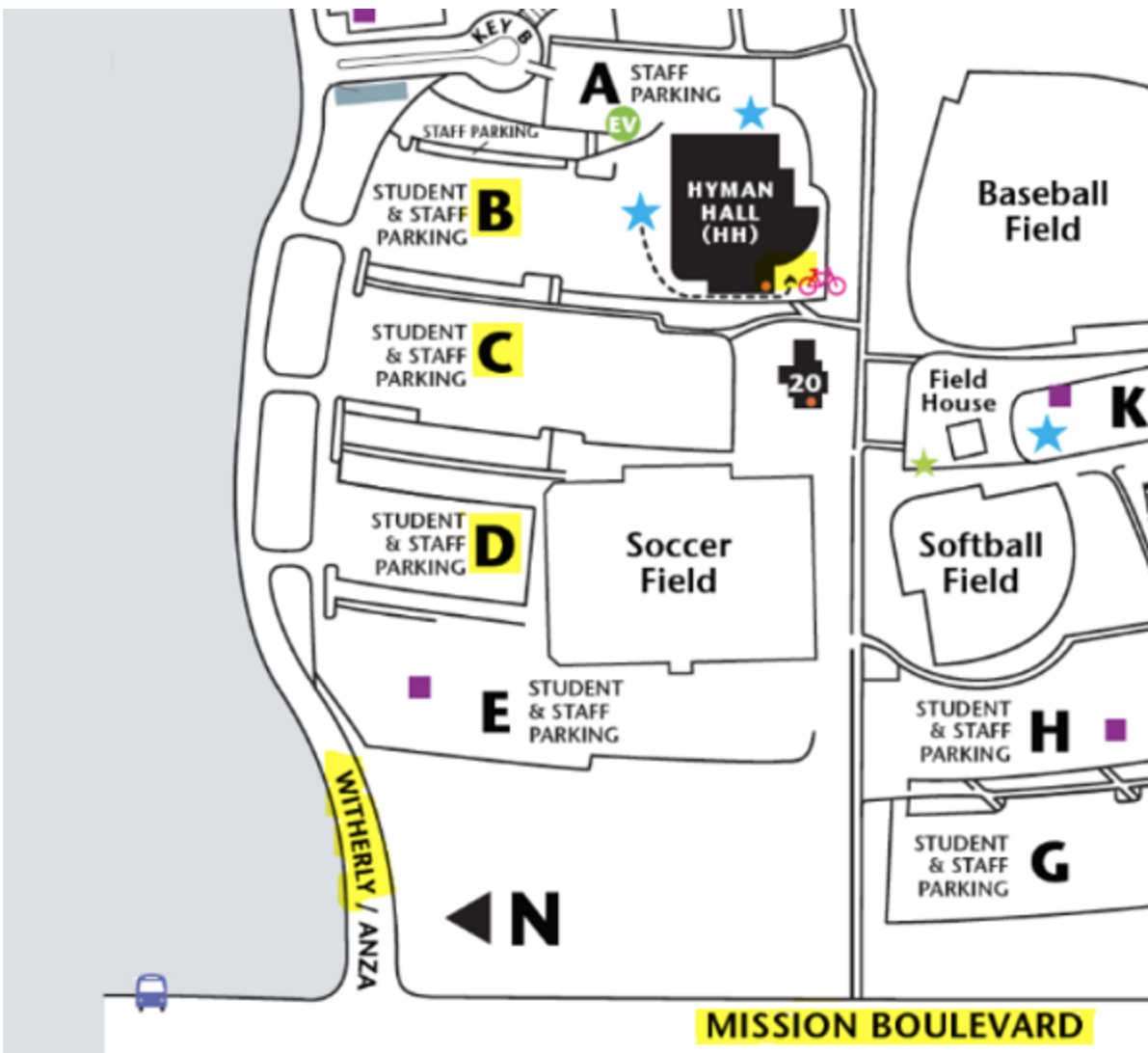
4/13/2024: Email sent out to all riders

Before the day of the ride:

- **Transfers.** If you won't be able to ride, you can transfer your registration. A good place to find people looking for transfers is [Craigslist](#) or on our [Facebook Primavera Forum](#). There's no charge to transfer your registration. Please see the [Primavera Transfer webpage](#) for instructions.
- **Get your bike in shape.** Make sure your tires, wheels, brakes, chain and other parts of your bike are in good shape for the ride.
- **E-bikes.** Class 1 and 3 E-bikes are permitted on all routes, but **not** throttle-controlled E-bikes.
- **Sports Basement discount.** Sports Basement is offering Primavera riders **11-20% off** from April 15-23, which can be used in their stores or online.
- **Download/review your route.** You can download your route into your bike computer from Ride with GPS: [100 mile](#), [85 mile](#), [100K](#) and [25 mile Fun Ride](#). This year, the distance routes include Niles and Palomares Canyons as in the past, but in *reverse order*—you'll ride them at the beginning of the ride instead of at the end. You'll also receive a map and cue sheet at packet pickup. You may want to read the [Travelogue](#).
- **Volunteering.** Your significant other, teenagers or friends may enjoy volunteering while you ride. They don't have to be FFBC members. Direct them to our [Volunteers page](#) to learn more and sign up. Volunteers will receive a T-shirt and some goodies, plus snacks at rest stops and the finish. They can ride any of the routes on the Primavera Workers' Ride (April 14) and can attend the Workers' Pizza Picnic (April 28). If they work two 4-hour shifts, they also get a meal voucher so they can join you for the after-ride meal. We especially need volunteers at Ohlone College in the morning and the Spring Valley, Sunol and Rios Lovell rest stops. They can see you at these locations then join you after the ride—a perfect day.

Directions to the Start Location—Ohlone College:

- **Where.** The Primavera begins and ends at Ohlone College, Fremont, CA. Enter the campus from Mission Boulevard on [Witherly Lane](#) (across Mission, it's called Anza Street).
- **Parking.** Distance riders must park in lots C or D. ***Be sure to get a parking pass from a volunteer in those lots when you arrive.*** Fun riders must park in lot B, which won't require a parking pass. Riders may be dropped off in lot B. We strongly encourage you to carpool, or, if you're local, to ride from home!

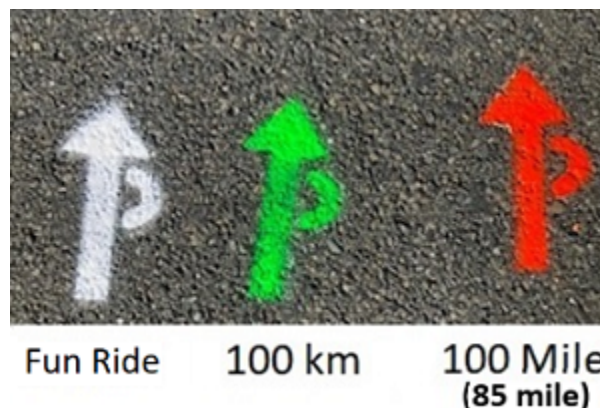


April 21–Ride day:

- **The Primavera runs rain or shine.**
- **Packet Pickup is in Hyman Hall.** Distance riders must pick up their packet between 6:30 and 8 AM on the day of the ride. Fun riders, please pick up your packet between 10 and 11 AM. There is no advance pickup this year. Riders under age 18 must have a [waiver](#) signed by their parent or guardian, which you can print and complete in advance. Your packet will contain a route sheet, bike number, wrist band and small freebies to put in your pocket. Riders who ordered socks and jerseys will find them in the packet as well.
- **Bike Number/Wrist Band.** Please attach your bike number to the front of your bike so you can be identified for photos. Your bike number is also used for post-ride check in, to get your meal voucher and for identifying your items at bag drop. Please wear the wrist band to be served at rest stops.
- **Clothing pickup/sales.** If you're not a rider, please pick up your pre-ordered jerseys and socks between 7 AM and 3 PM. A limited number of this year's Primavera jersey and socks will be available for sale, as well as some items from previous years.
- **When.** The distance routes open at 6:30 AM. The Fun Ride opens at 10 AM. All routes close at 5 PM. Rest stop hours are timed for these start times. If you ride before the start or after closing, rest stops, SAG support and the post-ride meal may not be available.
- **GPS routes begin on Witherly Lane and end at Hyman Hall.**

During your ride:

- **Wear your helmet and obey traffic laws!** Rules of the road are on the route sheets.
- **Route markings.** Routes are marked in color on the pavement with arrows that look like a "P". The arrows are white for the Fun Ride, green for the 100K route and orange for the 100/85 mile routes.



- **Rest stops.** There are several rest stops stocked with all kinds of snacks and drinks, including gluten-free items. You'll need your wrist band to be served. Please remove your gloves, sanitize your hands and let us serve you the snacks.
- **Bag drop.** Riders wishing to remove layers as it gets warmer during the day can drop off items at the first three rest stops of the distance rides. They will be at the finish at Ohlone for pick-up.

- **Photos.** [Captivating Sports Photos](#) will be taking photos along the course, which will be available for purchase on their website shortly after the event. Photos will be organized by bike number, so please attach your bike number to the front of your bike.
- **Taking photos.** We encourage you take photos (and not just at rest stops) to share with others. Please add them to this shared [Google Photos album](#), which will be linked from the Primavera website. (First step: click the + icon to add yourself to the album.)
- **SAG vehicles.** SAG vehicles will be patrolling the course to assist with minor repairs such as flats and to transport you to the next rest stop if necessary. The SAG coordinator's phone number is on the route sheet.
- **Bike mechanics.** Bike mechanics will be available at the start and at all rest stops.
- **In case of emergency.** Call 911 first in case of an accident or a medical issue, then let us know about the incident using the SAG phone number on your route sheet.

At the finish:

- **Post-ride meal and snacks.** Check in at Hyman Hall after your ride to get your meal voucher and goodie bag. There will be food trucks offering a variety of cuisines. Each will also offer vegetarian options and meals for kids. Some will have gluten free choices. We will provide drinks and ice cream snacks. Extra meals are not available.
- **Raffle.** All riders are automatically entered into a raffle to win prizes from our sponsors including items from Dale Hardware, Rios Lovell wine, water bottles and a tune-up certificate from Bicycle Garage. Winners can pick up their prizes at post-ride check in.
- **Bag drop pickup.** Don't forget to pick up any items you dropped off at the rest stops. Note that items transported back to Ohlone may not arrive until after you do.

Enjoy your ride!