To: Registered riders

Message: Essential Information for Riding the 2025 Primavera Century

Dear Primavera rider:

We look forward to seeing you on April 13. Here are the essential things to know about the ride.

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

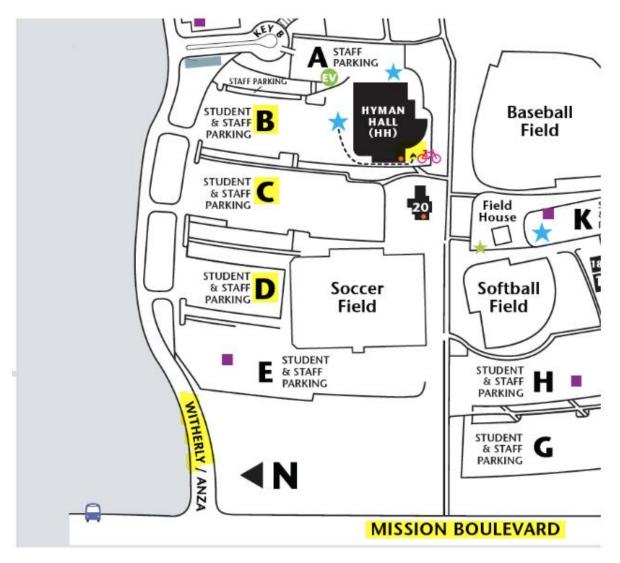
## Before the day of the ride:

- Transfers. If you won't be able to ride, you can transfer your registration. A good place
  to find people looking for transfers is <u>Craigslist</u> or on our <u>Facebook Primavera Forum</u>.
  There's no charge to transfer your registration. Please see the <u>Primavera Transfer</u>
  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 throttle-controlled E-bikes are *not* permitted on any route.
- **Sports Basement discount.** Sports Basement is offering Primavera riders <u>11-20% off</u> from April 12-20, 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 28 mile Fun Ride. Similar to last year,
  the distance routes include Niles and Palomares Canyons at the beginning of the ride.
  You'll also receive a map and cue sheet at packet pick up. You may want to read the
  Travelogue.
- **Volunteering.** Your significant other, teenager or friend may enjoy volunteering while you ride. They don't have to be FFBC members. Direct them to our <u>Volunteers page</u> 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 6) and can attend the Workers' Pizza Picnic (April 27). 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 Sunol Rest Stop, and Ohlone College in the afternoon. They can see you during and/or after the ride—a perfect day.

## **Directions to the Start Location, Ohlone College:**

- Where. The Primavera begins and ends at Ohlone College, 43600 Mission Boulevard in Fremont. Enter the campus from Mission Boulevard on <u>Witherly Lane</u> (across Mission, it's called Anza Street).
- Parking. Riders will park in Lots B, C and then D. If those lots are full, you'll be directed to park in lot E. If you're in Lot E, be sure to get a parking permit from a volunteer and place it on your dashboard. Riders may be dropped off at the far end of Lot B next to Hyman Hall—look for the "drop-off" sign. We encourage you to carpool, or, if you're local, to ride from home!



#### April 12, Early Packet Pick up:

• If you wish, you may pick up your rider packet between 2 and 4 PM in Hyman Hall. You can park in Lot A for free. If you don't live nearby, we suggest you pick up yours Sunday morning—it only takes a few minutes.

## April 13, Ride day:

- The Primavera runs rain or shine. If rain is forecast for the afternoon, please consider taking a shorter route. Even if you decide not to ride, there will still be a party in the afternoon with food and music.
- Packet Pick up is in Hyman Hall (if you didn't get your packet on Saturday)
  - o **Distance riders** must pick up their packet between 6:15 and 8 AM.
  - Fun riders, please pick up your packet between 10 and 11 AM. Riders under age 18 must have a <u>waiver</u> 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/Wristband. Please attach your bike number to the front of your bike with
  the ties provided 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. You will need to match your wristband to your bike number to get your bike out of
  the bike corral (parking area) at the finish. Please wear the wristband 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 6:15 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.
- Routes begin on Witherly Lane.

# **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". Do not follow any plain arrows without the "P." The arrows are white for the Fun Ride, green for the 100K route and orange for the 100/85 mile route.



(85 mile)

- **Rest stops.** There are several rest stops stocked with all kinds of snacks and drinks, including gluten-free and vegetarian 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. We will send an announcement and link to the photos by email and on Facebook as soon as they are posted.
- **Taking photos.** We encourage you to 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 for more major repairs, if necessary. The SAG coordinator's phone number is on the route sheet and the back of the bike number.
- **Bike mechanics.** Mechanics will be available at the start and 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 after your ride just beyond the finish arch to get your meal voucher and goodie bag. There will be food trucks offering a variety of cuisines. Each will also offer vegetarian options. Some will have gluten free choices. We will provide drinks and ice cream snacks. A limited number of extra meal vouchers may be available for purchase at the clothing sales booth.
- **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. We will try not to let that happen.

# Enjoy your ride!