



RAGBRAI Letter #2

19 June 2024

Okay! You've been patiently waiting for more campsite information in the overnight towns. I've put together a large PowerPoint file to provide you with some location aids. I rely heavily on Google Earth for this type of work and have given you several different perspectives of the locations. Some campsites will be better than others, but as usual on RAGBRAI, there will be surprises and challenges, and weather will make a big difference in how it all feels.

But we shall plan to have a great time and roll with whatever comes our way.

You will soon get a separate e-mail with a link to the downloadable file. If you are not able to download or view it on your computer or phone, let me know, and I'll send you individual images. But it is just easier for us to assemble the story as we have here.

You will also get a little survey questionnaire about some of your preferences for beverages, etc. please take a minute and respond. And YES we will have our normal coffee service in the morning-I failed to mention it in the last letter. The survey you will get shortly has a couple questions related to that topic. It will help us support you.

For those of you who plan to overnight in Waterloo before the start of the ride, or after you are back, please consider using the two links below if you want to get a better room rate at the Courtyard by Marriott in downtown Waterloo.

Friday, July 19: [Book your group rate for Cedar Valley Cyclists](#)

Deadline: Book by June 26, 2024

Saturday, July 27: [Book your group rate for Cedar Valley Cyclists](#)

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It is near the Single Speed Brewery, where we plan to have a pre-ride Meet and Greet on Friday evening at 6:00 pm. We do not have a room available, but they would like an estimated headcount from us, so please address that topic in the survey also.

Finally, as you may know there was a direct hit by a tornado on the little town of Greenfield, IA a few weeks ago. There were several fatalities and major destruction of parts of the town. They were designated as the mid-day meeting town for Tuesday, 23 July. After a lot of discussions, it was decided to press on with those plans, especially to give the RAGBRAI community a view of the devastation.

One of our charter members, Bill Pennington, was registered with our charter, but had to cancel because of health developments. He has donated the proceeds from the sale of his wristband to Greenfield. After conversations with him, we have decided to offer all our charter members a chance to contribute to a fund to be presented to Greenfield on Tuesday. We expect there will be many such efforts. Our approach is to solicit contributions on the bus on the way out, as well as in the campground up until Tuesday. We will present the appropriate people at the town with a 2 x 4 piece of lumber signed by all the contributors from CVC as a symbol of our support in their rebuilding.

You can learn more about the RAGBRAI based fund raising for Greenfield at the following link:

<https://ragbrai.com/greenfield-with-the-support-from-ragbrai-will-host-riders-in-july-following-the-deadly-tornado-in-may/>

So that's it for now. We hope to get more detailed info out to you in the days ahead. Both Deb and Bob are off the grid for the next week, but we plan to be very responsive in the following days. There are only a few weeks to go!

Keep an eye out for those two e-mails we promised you.

Thank you again for choosing to spend a week with Cedar Valley Cyclists. Let the Adventure begin!

Bob Recker
Deb Bartels
Cedar Valley Cyclists