GOBA 28
IT’S OUTTA THIS WORLD!

28TH GREAT OHIO BICYCLE ADVENTURE
JUNE 18-25, 2016

AN EVENT OF

COLUMBUS OUTDOOR PURSUITS

www.goba.com
GOBA 28: Fly away with GOBA on an other-worldly experience in the beautiful rolling terrain of Southwest Ohio. The sun, the moon, and the stars align this year for a bicycle-camping tour like none other. Pedal along with 2,999 fellow travelers for 50 miles per day of the best of the earthly scenery, tempting food treats and entertainment, and the warmest welcome in the universe.

Sign on now! Don’t let yourself become an Unidentified Biking Object, but let us take you to your GOBA -- It’s Outta This World!

Do Good - Do GOBA! You, too, can ride with a purpose. Since the beginning, GOBA proceeds have gone to our Columbus Outdoor Pursuits Bicycle Development Fund which provides grants to bicycle-related projects across Ohio. Notable beneficiaries have been the Bike Lady, Inc., bikelady.org, and The Ohio to Erie Trail, ohiooterietrail.org. By adding a donation along with your registration, you can maximize the good works.
TUESDAY, JUNE 21 • Oxford (layover day), optional 49 mile loop
- Zoom around Oxford, from the stately Clock Tower, to the revered home of the author of the McGuffey Reader, to the color frenzy of bike races.
- Or kick back with a latte in a downtown cafe.
- Start out on the hills of the optional loop and you’re rewarded on the far end by a jaunt on the wooded Miami Whitewater bike trail.
- Sign up for a bus trip option: Cruising on the Ohio River, including a tour of Cincinnati.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22 • Oxford to Brookville, 49 miles with 101 mile option
- After your rest day, all systems are go for your foray from Oxford.
- Yes, more hills await today, but the promise of more beautiful covered bridges beckons you on.
- For travelers who want that century, today is your day, with the optional loop from the PM Snack stop.
- Pedal lightly on the Wolf Creek Trail that delivers you into Golden Gate Park in Brookville.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23 • Brookville to Miamisburg, 45 miles
- Tear yourself away from the heavenly shade in Brookville’s park and turn toward Miamisburg, the “Star City”.
- More gentle terrain under your wheels today leaves you plenty of time for contemplation of the galaxy.
- You won’t feel like an alien when lively Miamisburg welcomes you back for the first time since 1994.
- Countdown the hours until you find yourself at Miamisburg Middle School for the night.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18 • Hamilton
- Hamilton in southwest Ohio rolls out the GOBA welcome mat for the first time!
- Arrive early and take in the sights: the Butler County Courthouse, a Victorian Gothic octagon house, a sculpture park and more!
- Settle in at the Butler County Fairgrounds, the launch pad for the 28th Annual GOBA.
- Buckle up for the bicycle parade and the kick-off party that will be truly “Outta This World”!

SUNDAY, JUNE 19 • Hamilton to Eaton, 50 miles
- Rocket away on the rolling hills to scenic panoramas.
- Marvel at the inner space of the Harshman Covered Bridge.
- Enjoy the flatter final approach to Eaton, where you’ll find Ohio’s oldest covered bridge.
- The arts, history, and nature form the perfect constellation of activities in town.
- Make a landing at Eaton High School, your Sunday overnight.

MONDAY, JUNE 20 • Eaton to Oxford, 50 miles
- Barrel down the tunnel of the Christman Covered Bridge toward the dawn of a new GOBA day.
- Venture into the “outer space” of another state when you dip your toe into Indiana.
- Steer straight into the delightful Hueston Woods State Park.
- End up in vibrant Oxford, and camp on the beautiful campus of Miami University, featuring optional residence hall lodging.

Highlights
- Raffle for Free Registration (see p. 4)
- GPS downloadable rider maps
- 5 days of cycling 45-55 miles from town to town and 2 days of optional loops
- Terrain: mostly rolling with flat stretches and a few hills throughout the week
- Mileage for the week: minimum: 240… maximum: 395
- Optional residence hall lodging
- Discount for registering by 4/30/16

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FRIDAY, JUNE 24 • Miamisburg (layover day), optional 42 mile loop

• Get yourself in the Splash Zone at Sycamore Trails Aquatic Center, ponder the Miamisburg Mound, or visit the Bike Friendly businesses in and around the downtown.
• For high-flying excitement, ride the optional loop on the Great Miami River Trail to Carillon Park, Dayton. And one of the world’s best museums, the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. Be sure to come back to earth!
• Today’s bus trip option is to Kings Island & Soak City, with more thrilling rides and water slides than ever.
• It’s time for the Silly and the Sublime: yes, the GOBA Song Contest is back.

Route elevation guide: See goba.com in February

WHAT ABOUT GOBA MERCHANDISE?
See registration form to order. Orders after April 30, 2016, are subject to availability.

• GOBA-28 t-shirt: $19 each. New 2016 design, 50% cotton/50% poly short-sleeve shirts in Green and Violet. Shipped throughout the season. Allow 4-5 weeks for shipping.

• GOBA-28 jersey: $60 each. 2 options this year. Both are 100% polyester. All-new multi-color design for 2016, same design on both. Order by April 15. All Jerseys will be shipped at one time in early June. See goba.com (Click: Merchandise).

(1) Unisex short sleeve style in American Club-Cut sizing XS-4XL.
(2) Women’s Sleeveless in women’s sizing XS-3XL.

• PhotoDVD-2016: $30 for multi-DVD set of high-quality images from the tour. To be shipped in the fall.

RAFFLE FOR FREE GOBA REGISTRATION
Win a free 2016 GOBA registration and the right to wear Rider #28 all week! There’s more ... Included is a prize package: an exclusive GOBA sweatshirt (size XL), a massage during GOBA week, 2016 PhotoDVD, & an official GOBA-28 cycling jersey! To enter the raffle, register by April 15, 2016, & include your nonrefundable donations at $5 each. Donations for the Raffle go directly to the COP Bicycle Development Fund to benefit Ohio bicycle-related projects. Buying more entries = more chances to win. The winner will be notified by May 15. GOBA will then refund your fee and replace the winner’s original number with Rider # 28.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.goba.com • 614-273-0811 gobainfo@goba.com • www.facebook.com/gobatour

Why is there a GOBA?
Our mission is to organize a yearly one-week bicycle vacation, in order to inspire independence and nurture personal growth, to learn about Ohio, its people, geography and history, to provide inter-generational recreation, to enhance the image of bicycling in Ohio, and to raise funds for bicycle-related projects in Ohio.

Who We Are.
The tour and the protected trademarks “Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure,” “GOBA” and the GOBA symbol (cyclist profile with sunshine overhead) are owned by Columbus Outdoor Pursuits, Inc. COP is a volunteer-based, non-profit organization, providing opportunities and education for outdoor recreation and activities. For more information on membership and activities, visit www.outdoor-pursuits.org, or call 614-442-7901.

G O B A  r e g i s t r a t i o n i n c l u d e s p r i m i t i v e t e n t c a m p i n g a t f a i r g r o u n d s, s c h o o l s, o r p a r k s. E x p e c t a d d i t i o n a l c o s t s f o r f o o d, o t h e r l o d g i n g , i n d o o r c a m p i n g, o p t i o n a l s i d e t r i p s, a n d s o m e a c t i v i t i e s. M o r e f u n s t u f f, s i g n - u p f o r m s, a n d p r i c e s w i l l a p p e a r i n t h e G O B A M a r c h a n d M a y N e w s l e t t e r s. T r a i n i n g i de a s, p a c k i n g t i p s, a n d w h a t t o e x p e c t i n G O B A c a m p a r e c o v e r e d i n “T h e W a y t o G O B A” o n g o b a . c o m . R o u t e a n d t o w n d e t a i l s a n d m i l e a g e s a r e a p p r o x i m a t e a n d a r e s u b j e c t t o c h a n g e.
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Who takes part in GOBA?
GOBA riders come in all shapes and sizes. Many are experienced bicyclists who take part in this cycling vacation, but many participants are new to bicycling. They share one common bond: the love of adventure. They come from 40 states and several foreign countries. While the majority of riders are between 30 and 50, nearly 20% are under 18. And we usually have at least 100 riders age 70 and above!

What do I get for my registration?
You get real value. GOBA researches and lays out all the routes, paints directional arrows on the roads, prints maps, luggage tags, and pins, secures campgrounds and parking, arranges emergency medical services, moves baggage, provides evening entertainment, publishes newsletters, and a full-color Calendar, and provides an exciting and refreshing week-long adventure vacation. Additional costs are for food, merchandise, massage, repair services, ambulance transport, and entrance fees to attractions, usually at a GOBA discount.

Where do we stay?
GOBA is a tent camping adventure. Each night, you set up your tent outdoors in a park, at a school, college campus, or fairgrounds in the traveling city called GOBAville. Your luggage is trucked from camp to camp for you. Within walking distance at each campground you will find restrooms, drinking water, shower locations and some of the food options.

What if I don’t want to tent camp?
You make your own arrangements. Sometimes, home stays, dorms, or gym floor options will be published in the GOBA Newsletters. For hotels and B & Bs, contact area tourism bureaus; see gobacom (click: Lodging).
GOBA delivers luggage to the campgrounds; you make arrangements for your luggage from there; transport to hotels is not included. For a motel package, contact Ohio Travel Treasures, Inc. (ph. 513-923-9112).

What do we do every day?
Each morning, you load your luggage in the waiting trucks. Since GOBA is a tour and not a race, you then follow the route at a leisurely pace. Along the way you will find activities, attractions, and food stops. In camp, you find your luggage and pitch your tent. There is always evening entertainment, whether it’s a street dance downtown, a play, a 5k run, a bicycle race, or something even more special...all great ways to meet local people and enjoy GOBA camaraderie.

Fifty miles a day seems like a lot!
Covering 50 miles each day in about five hours on the bike is typical. The exciting atmosphere created by 3,000 bicyclists makes the miles fly by. When you sign up, reserve time in the spring to prepare for the tour. Be ready to ride 45-60 miles a day over varying terrain and in all weather. Before registering, consult your physician about your ability to participate in GOBA.

Fifty miles doesn’t seem like much!
It’s a different kind of bicycle tour, one designed for sightseeing, lying in the grass, and finding ice cream shops to replenish those burned up calories. Ride at a leisurely pace, take time to see the sights, and finish the week rested. And if you really want more miles than the minimum this week provides, ride the optional routes on the two layover days.

Where do we eat?
GOBA’s unofficial motto is “Eat to ride, ride to eat!” You pay for all meals and snacks. As on any vacation, you may seek restaurants and grocery stores. In addition, most days food may also be purchased from food stops offered by non-profit groups who use their proceeds to benefit local schools, churches and other worthy causes.
**And the rest of my family?**

GOBA welcomes non-bicycling family members accompanying riders. However, since extensive planning and expense must go into their participation also, like everyone else, all participants riding in the vehicle must register and pay registration fees in addition to obtaining the Car Camper Pass. Please note: Columbus Outdoor Pursuits policy requires each GOBA participant, who rides on or is pulled by a bicycle, to reach his/her 2nd birthday by June 18, 2016. Children younger than 2 may come along in the car. Parents and minors participating together are required to stay together throughout the day. Also, due to local restrictions, pets are not allowed.

**What will I need for the tour?**

A multi-geared, better-quality bicycle will make the tour much more enjoyable. Experience has shown that "department store" bikes break down frequently. Second, you must have a helmet—you won’t be allowed on the ride without one. Third, you’ll need a small tent and other basic camping gear (but not cooking gear; fires are not permitted in the GOBA camps). A packing list along with training guide and other tips are in “The Way to GOBA” (see goba.com). Everything you take should fit in one large or two small bags. Participants are responsible for their own equipment, including medical devices. GOBA is not able to provide electrical plug-ins and advises participants to look into battery-powered devices.

**How do I register?**

- Register online at [www.goba.com](http://www.goba.com). Or, use the registration form and waiver on pp. 7 & 8 (copy for additional registrants). Mail with a check or money order in US funds drawn on a US bank, payable to Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure. Do it now, because registration closes when we reach 3,000 or May 18, 2016, whichever comes first. There is no partial week registration. There is no extra fee to leave your car parked for the week in Hamilton. If your entry is postmarked by April 30, 2016, fees are lower for Adult and COP Member categories. So, sign up early for the 28th annual tour of fun!

- **Car Camper Pass:** $45.00. Deadline: May 18, 2016, or before, if we have reached capacity. To bring a vehicle to each GOBA camp, you must register and pay for the vehicle, the driver and all passengers. “Car Camping” is primitive (no hook-ups) and vehicle must fit totally within a space 25’ long by 9’ wide. See policies at goba.com (Click: Registration).

With your confirmation, you will receive details and a CAR CAMPER APPLICATION: COMPLETE & MAIL BACK IMMEDIATELY.

- **Confirmation:** Within a few weeks of registering, we will send you one confirmation packet for all registrants in your household: with rider numbers and a medical profile form to COMPLETE & RETURN IMMEDIATELY. You may transfer your registration to another person, only in writing, with a $15.00 transfer fee. See goba.com (Click: Registration) for details. Transfer Deadline: June 8, 2016 (received by date, not postmark).

- **Refunds:** Requests must be sent by certified mail. A $49 processing fee will be deducted from all refunds. There will be no refunds for any reason after deadline.

For more information:

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Registration Deadline: May 18, 2016

(= received by date, not postmark date)
In signing this agreement for myself or for the named participant (if the participant is under age 18), I know that those participating in The 2016 Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA) will be exposed to the risks of serious bodily injury, sickness, death, or loss of property due to the circumstances inherent in this event including the negligent acts or omissions of others. I also understand and am aware that there are a variety of specific risks and dangers inherent in a voluntary bicycling event such as GOBA including, without limitation, falls, collisions with other bicyclists, motor vehicles or stationary objects; adverse weather conditions; and those caused by conditions of the road. I also understand that by participating in GOBA I will be riding my bicycle on public roads with many other bicyclists, some of whom may be inexperienced at riding in groups. I also understand that the large number of bicyclists in GOBA many of whom are inexperienced, adds a further element of danger.

I understand that during GOBA I may suffer serious bodily injury, sickness, or death, while walking or travelling via bus or other motor vehicle or boat, due to my own carelessness or because of the negligence of others. I further understand that I may be exposed to these same risks while engaged in other voluntary activities such as dancing, swimming, and dining during GOBA. I understand as well that I will be camping outdoors during GOBA and that this necessarily involves being exposed to the elements including the risk of unpredictable and possibly dangerous weather conditions such as severe or violent thunderstorms, rain, hail, lightning, wind, and tornadoes either during the day or at night.

In exchange for being permitted to participate in GOBA I voluntarily agree to assume all of these and the other risks inherent in GOBA. I acknowledge that I (or the participant for whom I sign if under age 18) am physically capable and sufficiently trained for the completion of this event. I also attest that the equipment used by me (or the participant for whom I sign if under age 18) has been inspected by me and is in good mechanical condition and that I am familiar with its proper use. I am also aware that medical support for this event will be provided by volunteer and other personnel who may be called upon to provide assistance, including first aid, to me during the event. I consent and authorize any such volunteer to assist me (or the participant for whom I sign if under age 18) or to perform such assistance as, in the opinion of such person, may be necessary or appropriate. I understand further that any such medical or other services provided to me (or the participant for whom I sign if under age 18) is not an admission of liability to provide or to continue to provide any such services and is not a waiver by any of said parties’ rights under this agreement.

I understand that Columbus Outdoor Pursuits assumes no responsibility or liability with respect to my participation in this event. I agree, however, to abide by any decision of any official of Columbus Outdoor Pursuits relative to my ability to safely participate in this event. I further promise to wear a CPSC, ANSI, SNELL, or ASTM approved bicycle helmet at all times while riding my bicycle during GOBA and agree to waive my rights to any benefits associated with this event if I fail to wear such a helmet while on my bicycle.

Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of Columbus Outdoor Pursuits acceptance of my application for participation in GOBA, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, do hereby agree to release, hold harmless, and discharge Columbus Outdoor Pursuits, all sponsors, representatives (including event volunteers), any involved municipalities or other organizations and the boards, trustees, officers, employees of any of them, from any and all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in GOBA even though that liability may arise out of negligence, recklessness, or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities named in this waiver.

I also grant permission to Columbus Outdoor Pursuits and its sponsors to use any photographs, motion pictures, recordings or any record of my participation in GOBA for legitimate purposes.

I further agree to indemnify and to hold harmless the persons and entities listed in this agreement for any liability they incur to me, a member of my family, or the participant in connection with GOBA.

I further agree that, in breach of this agreement, I institute any judicial proceedings against any of the persons listed in this agreement in connection with GOBA, I shall bring them in the Common Pleas Court of Franklin County, Ohio, or in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, located in Columbus, Ohio, and I consent to personal jurisdiction in those courts. I further agree that, if in breach of this agreement, I institute any such proceedings, I am responsible for all costs and attorneys fees of any person or entity against whom I institute such proceedings.

I confirm that the named participant below will have reached at least his/her 2nd birthday by June 18, 2016, if he/she will be pulled by or riding on a bicycle on GOBA.

I understand and agree that there will be no refunds after May 18, 2016.

HAVING READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS AGREEMENT, I VOLUNTARILY AND KNOWINGLY SIGN IT.

Participant: Print your name above

Participant: Sign and date above Date:

For Participants Age 15 and under: Have accompanying Adult print name above

For Participants under age 18, Custodial Parent or Legal Guardian must sign below

CONSENT AND RELEASE OF CUSTODIAL PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

Signature of Parent or Guardian Date:

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian
GOBA 2016 Registration Form

Register online or use this form. Only One Person per Form. Applications must be received by May 18, 2016 (not postmark). All persons must register, including non-biking ones. $49 Fee for refunds. No refunds after May 18, 2016. See deadlines below for correct fees for Adult and COP Member. Registrations are now transferable - until June 8, 2016. See goba.com (Click: Registration).

Incomplete or improperly filled-out applications will be returned without being processed. Each registrant must read, agree with, sign & date the Liability Waiver and Indemnification Agreement. Please Print Legibly.

First Name ___________________________ Last Name ___________________________  □ Ham radio operator? Call sign: ______________

Address __________________________________________________________

County __________________ City __________________ State ________ Zip ________ Country __________

Evening Phone (_____) ___________ Daytime Phone (_____) ___________ Cell on Tour (_____) ___________

No. of previous GOBAs (0-27) _______ Male or Female _____ Age _______ Email ___________________________

Emergency Contact (Not on GOBA): Name: ____________________________

Emerg. Contact Day Phone: (_____) ___________ Evening Phone (_____) ___________

On GOBA with (print name + relationship): ____________________________

☐ Check box, if you want a paper route map on tour. Leave blank, if you want no map, or will use the free GPS maps.

☐ Yes, I am planning on participating in the GOBA Bicycle Parade, Saturday evening, June 18, 2016.

GOBA REGISTRATION FEES

(See goba.com (Click: Registration) for fees and deadlines.)

☐ $245: Adult Fee, Age 16 & over  □ $235 Columbus Outdoor Pursuits member (COP Membership No. ___________________)

☐ Postmark by April 30, 2016...

☐ $260: Adult Fee, Age 16 & over  □ $250 COP member

☐ Children 6-15, accompanied by responsible adult = $95

☐ Children 5 and under, accompanying responsible adult = Free

☐ Car Camper Pass = $45...Deadline: 5/18/16. (Driver/passengers must also register & pay Adult/Child Fees. Pass is not needed to leave car in Hamilton.)

☐ Total registration fee enclosed

☐ Donation (see our Mission). COP is a non-profit, 501(c)(3).

RAFFLE FOR GOBA RIDER #28 (donation)

☐ Total enclosed (number of chances _______ x $ 5)

 Entries must be postmarked by April 15, 2016.

MERCHANDISE (all prices include tax, shipping)

(See goba.com (Click: Merchandise or Photos))

☐ No. of Green t-shirts x $19......circle size(s)

☐ S    M    L   XL   2X   3X

☐ No. of Violet x $19......circle size(s)

☐ S    M    L   XL   2X   3X

☐ No. of Unisex Jerseys x $60......circle size(s)

☐ XS   S    M    L   XL   2X   3X   4X

☐ No. of Women's Sleeveless Jerseys x $60......circle size(s)

☐ XS   S    M    L   XL   2X   3X

☐ No. of PhotoDVD-2016 x $30

☐ Total merchandise cost enclosed

TOTAL ENCLOSED: 1 + 2 + 3 (fees + donations + raffle + cost of merchandise)

PAY BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER: To GOBA, only in U.S. dollars & drawn on U.S. bank.

☐ Signed and dated the Liability Waiver (on the right)?

☐ Filled out the registration form completely?

☐ Checked for deadlines and correct fees?

☐ Signed and enclosed your check?

☐ Put correct postage on envelope?

Mail To: GOBA REG, 1525 Bethel Rd., Ste. 100, Columbus, Ohio 43220

Note: $35 charge for bad checks