

Dear Horsey Hundred Registrants:

Welcome to the 2021 Horsey Hundred!!! We are so glad you will be joining us for some fabulous cycling in the beautiful bluegrass area of Kentucky! This is the first in a series of communications you will receive from us, typically on Fridays, leading up to the Horsey Hundred. Our goal is to anticipate and answer the questions you might have, and to provide you with the information we think you will need to have a memorable experience riding with us on Memorial weekend. Having said this, if there are questions you want to make sure we answer in advance, please respond to this e-mail with your questions and we will either respond individually or will include an answer in a future communication. We will also provide a "FAQ" section as part of our ride app that you'll be able to download later (more about this in a future e-mail).

Some of you have participated in the Horsey before and for others, this will be your first time. Whatever your past experiences with the Horsey, one thing we know for sure is that this year will be different for all of us in many ways. We are hosting our event at a location other than Georgetown College for the first time in over 30 years, which presents new challenges and issues for our all-volunteer team. We hope and believe that we are rising to the challenge, but we also know that because so much will be new and different, and because we have COVID precautions and special considerations on top of everything else, that we will make mistakes and have some "well duh" moments. Please keep this in mind if something happens that annoys or displeases you – kindly point out to us what the issue is and we will do our best to resolve it, but please keep in mind that everyone – everyone - involved in putting the Horsey together is a volunteer, and that we are all very focused on doing it right, but that we are all also just regular people like you, which means that some things will go wrong.

We will communicate any special protocols required for COVID closer to the ride, as things are still evolving and we want to make sure that we use the most up to date information in determining what we all need to do to help keep ourselves and each other safe.

We will provide more specific information later, but here are some quick details that may help you with your planning:

- There will be porta pots and water available at the park for everyone participating in the ride, but there are no shower facilities or "regular" bathrooms. There are shower facilities at the Pavilion, another Scott County Public Parks facility, around 2 miles from Charles Brooking Park – campers will be provided with passes to use the showers. Others will be able to access the facility by purchasing a day pass at the door, so if you'd like to take a shower, please plan for this.
- Due to the lack of facilities at the park, and because of COVID precautions, we will not be able to offer the catered post ride meals that we've had in the past. Instead, there will be a variety of food trucks available at the park for you to purchase a post-ride meal – Food trucks will also be there on Friday evening as in the past. We will provide more information about the food trucks in a later e-mail.
- Rest stops will be a bit different in that we will offer prepackaged foods and we will spread things out more to help with social distancing. More about this later too.

- For the first time, beer will be available for purchase at the Horsey Hundred! Country Boy Brewing, a local microbrewery will be on site on Friday and Saturday, hosted by the wonderful Georgetown/Scott County Tourism Commission.
- There will be entertainment at the park on Friday evening, along with local events in downtown Georgetown on Saturday evening – more details to follow.
- To help spread people out on the routes so that everyone stays safe, and so we avoid congestion at the early rest stops, we will likely create specified “starting time windows” that we will ask you to select in advance. There will be a separate e-mail, likely with a survey form to complete for this as the event gets closer.
- We will have a vendor expo as in the past so be ready to shop!

Thanks again for joining us, and stay tuned for more Horsey Hundred news!

The Horsey Hundred Planning Team