

HOUSING COMMITTEE

Meet with RAGBRAI Staff

West March 28/29

East April 11/12

Chairperson's Role & Responsibilities

Advice from previous committee chairpersons of RAGBRAI overnight towns varies, but the top recommendation from all is to read the chapter pertaining to your committee. Familiarize yourself and your Co-chair (if you have one) with all the duties and responsibilities discussed in the handbook. Then educate your volunteers and co-workers about the content in your chapter. Reading the entire book is also recommended to eliminate duplication of effort among committees. Set up a budget immediately and establish a game plan. Then develop a timeline with specific completion dates for critical steps.

Keep these points in mind when conducting committee meetings:

- Have an agenda
- Keep meetings short, no longer than one hour
- Take minutes at each meeting
- Ask your Executive Committee Chair to attend
- Prepare for contingencies "What if?"

These are the overall responsibilities of a committee chairperson. And above all else-

DON'T LET GREED BE THE MOTIVATOR. YOU SHOULD GET ALL AGREEMENTS IN WRITING. A COPY OF ALL AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE TREASURER.

In 1979, the Rockwell City campgrounds were flooded, and motel space was limited. The people of the town opened up their homes to riders. That is how private housing got started. **RAGBRAI is a communal camping event, and private housing is not advertised as part of RAGBRAI.** Word has spread, however, about the good times enjoyed and friendships formed by the hosts and the riders in private housing situations. It can be as much fun for the hosts as it is for the riders!

Lots of teams and riders would rather have the convenience of hot showers, privacy, and the

personal hospitality of your residents. Some riders, for medical reasons, cannot sleep on the ground. Others like to just get away from the crowds by parking their support vehicles and camping in yards of churches, schools and private homes.

Matching riders with hosts is very time consuming, so we recommend that the chair(s) be someone who is off for the summer or a retired person who can spend a considerable number of hours on the project. The Housing Committee Chair should be someone who not only has access to a computer but who is familiar with Facebook and navigating social media.

On the whole, the riders are courteous and appreciative; however, the bad apples are the ones that put a sour taste in your mouth for the project. Whoever fields the requests from riders should be a people person and not take personally some of the "demands" made by the riders/teams. The committee should have at least five members to help contact residents about housing riders.

The Housing Committee has two primary responsibilities:

1. Recruit local residents who will house riders/teams in their homes or on their property.
2. Monitor your Housing FB Group, respond to riders, residents and monitor the group for clarity and help assist as needed.

Number and Type of Requests

Each year more riders request housing. The good news is that Housing Committees report that every housing request can be handled by email and Facebook. No postage, no letters, no stuffing envelopes. We recommend you have a separate email for housing but more importantly we recommend that you set up a public Group Page off your RAGBRAI town Facebook match called "YOUR TOWN" Housing Match. (anytownhousing@gmail.yahoo.etc.com).

With the exception of the ending town, whose housing requests are minimal, you should anticipate 300-500 requests with an average total number of guests around 2,000.

Because of the increasing demand, few towns found housing for every request that they received. Group sizes for requests range from one person to 45 people.

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The Housing Committee should work closely with the Campgrounds Committee so both groups are not processing duplicate requests, which can happen because riders sometimes try to cover all bases in case one of their options falls through.

To limit this “double-dipping”, all requests from groups should require a group name, some groups have a group number they will provide to as well to help verify their registered status. This group number will help the two committees’ cross reference each other’s spreadsheets.

All housing/camping requests should be directed to the Housing Committee, which will pass the requests they can't handle on to the Campgrounds Committee. Some towns have set the housing request limit for groups at 15. For groups larger than 15, the Campground Committee will handle; for groups smaller than 15, the Housing Committee will try to find housing for their group.



Housing Unregistered Riders

A big concern for the Housing Committee and members of your community is that some riders don't register for RAGBRAI, and try to line up home stays because they won't be allowed in the RAGBRAI campgrounds without a wristband. If a rider is unregistered, that means they have not signed the RAGBRAI Waiver and Release of Liability.

Anyone in your community who houses unregistered riders opens themselves to full liability for whatever may happen at their home.

All riders requesting housing must provide a wristband number as proof of their registration. Please deny all housing requests made without a valid wristband number. Any unregistered riders looking for housing should be denied housing and should not be provided any services.

Housing Riders Database

By the time you become chair of this committee, you will already have challenges awaiting you. As soon as the route is announced in January, riders start calling people in each town to find housing because the hotels will be full within an hour. If their profession is dentistry, they may call all of the local dentists. If they are members of the Methodist Church, they may call the Methodist Church to see if they can camp on their lawn. If their third cousin who they haven't talked to in 10 years lives in the town, they will call the third cousin asking for a bed.

Before you even start trying to recruit residents for home stays, there will already be members of your community who have accepted riders. Why is this a problem? When the riders roll into town, if they can't recall whom they are staying with, they are going to go to the Information Center to find out. And you won't have any matches for them in your database because they did not go through the Housing Committee to line up their home stays.

You must find a way to have members of your community notify you if they have already accepted riders so that you can get this in your database. **And, you have to get the word out as soon as you can that if they have agreed to accept a rider who has not registered and signed a waiver of liability, they are personally accepting the risk, in some cases, of having strangers stay in their homes.**

Ask for assistance from the Publicity Committee to get this accomplished as soon as possible so that it does not keep happening in your community.

The press release may look like this: (CD)

You may receive calls from people coming to town during RAGBRAI asking about Housing. We ask you to direct them to the RAGBRAI Housing Committee so they may be added to the housing request list. By going through the formal process we can insure that all guests are registered participants in RAGBRAI.

If a rider is unregistered, that means they have not signed the RAGBRAI Waiver and Release of Liability. Therefore anyone in the community who houses unregistered riders opens themselves to full liability for whatever may happen when that rider is at their home.

Please notify the RAGBRAI Housing Chair if you have already accepted riders to be guests in your home. If you have agreed to accept a rider who has not registered and therefore not signed a waiver of

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liability, you could in some cases be personally accepting all the risk of having strangers stay in your home.

Contact:

John Smith,
Housing Committee Chair
JohnSmith@anytown.com
or 515-555-5555.

Registered Riders

Because of situations like those mentioned above, RAGBRAI has a method for matching legitimately registered riders/teams with local residents. April 1 is the deadline for weeklong registration for RAGBRAI. After that date we assign wristband numbers to those participants who registered by April 1. On May 1 we publish those results online and via email to participants. The wristband number is printed on the official credentials issued by RAGBRAI and distributed to participants starting in June. **You should not accept or confirm any housing requests with any participants until after they have received confirmation of their ride status on May 1.**

After May 1, RAGBRAI officials will provide you a list of all participant names and wristband numbers for those who registered by the April 1 deadline. To help with the verification process, **we recommend that you limit housing requests to only those who registered prior to the April 1 deadline** (i.e. those on the housing list). Online registration for day passes will continue through June 1. Should you decide to accept housing requests from those who register after April 1, please keep in mind that we cannot provide verification of their ride status until after June 15.

Even though it is not until May that riders can apply for housing, go ahead and put the following housing information on your Web site IMMEDIATELY. In the riders section of the Web site under Housing, let riders know housing is only available to those who register before April 1, and arrangements cannot be made until the rider furnishes the wristband numbers for everyone in their group. Be sure to indicate that you will not return long distance phone calls and contact should be done by e-mail. You should also work with the Web and Social Media Committee to come up with a form that riders can fill in and e-mail back to you. The form should be similar to the form that you are going to use for residents to state their preferences on what type of housing they have. See the Host Sign-up Sample at the end of this section.

If an email account of housing@gmail.com or housing@yahoo.com is set up and promoted as a place to direct housing questions, you should consider having a continuous

“out-of-office” type email response. This will let the person know their email has been received and that you will be in touch.

Most towns ask the teams requesting housing to send a \$3 non-refundable application fee per group with their request to help the committee cover expenses. Budget-wise this is how most committees raise the money to cover their expenses. Towns have reported anywhere from \$300 to \$800 income from this source.

Housing Form

Keep your housing form simple. While you want to be as hospitable as possible, you will never be able to accommodate all of the requests of those applying for housing. Certain preferences and/or characteristics should still be asked in order to provide the best match. These can include smoking, pets, allergies, etc. However, a popular trend among past Housing Committees is to limit the number of requests available to the participant regarding their sleeping accommodations. If you include an “I am seeking” section on your housing form, this should be limited to the following:

- Tent camping in a yard
- Indoor camping (floor space for sleeping bags)
- Place to park vehicle (type/number)

Some of those seeking housing will ask for a location to park their RV. This most likely means they are looking to plug in their RV. You should not provide this option as most homes have 15-20 amp breakers, and RVs require a 30-50 amp hookup. In 2017 a house caught fire as a result of an RV plugged into the home.

Prior to May 1

If anyone applies for housing prior to this date, please return their request and ask them to apply after May 1. Please forward the names to the RAGBRAI marketing director of any groups that contact you prior to May 1. We do not want the chamber, city hall and the housing chair being flooded by phone calls, letters and emails requesting housing. You have plenty to do to get ready and should not be wasting your time talking to these early birds. They have been informed of the start date and should abide by these policies that RAGBRAI has set.

Recruiting Hosts

The media is a major source for recruiting hosts for RAGBRAI participants who want private housing and/or camping. A newspaper ad sample is at the end of this section. Other sources include Church

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bulletins and newsletters, Chamber of Commerce bulletin boards, stuffers in grocery bags or utility bills, flyers on pizza boxes, sign-up tables at the town meetings and other community events, and Adopt a Rider program.

Early on, one of the tasks for the Volunteer Recruitment Committee will be to solicit for volunteers for committees. At the same time they might as well include a host request as part of their forms. Read the chapter on Volunteer Recruitment in this handbook and work with the Volunteer Committee.

Many communities have added some special incentives to host riders by having drawings for donated prizes amongst the townspeople who hosted riders. Prizes included gas grills and gift certificates to grocery stores and gas cards.

Many towns post letters from riders in the Chamber of Commerce office, publish them in the newspaper and read them over the radio when soliciting for host homes. Communities have reported that when they start receiving letters from the riders, more residents come forward as hosts.



Some communities have also had great success by working with local colleges. Many dorm rooms are vacant during summer months and a small fee may be charged to rent the room for the evening. All arrangements should still be made through the Housing Committee.

A written agreement should be made between the Housing Committee and the college if you decide to pursue this route to insure that all individuals staying in the dorms are registered RAGBRAI participants that have signed a waiver. Orange City had great

success in 2017 with the dorms at Northwestern College with several participants in dorm rooms.

Although an early start to recruiting hosts is advised, be aware that potential host response may be very light until after July 4th. Many committees report that quite a few hosts even wait until the same week of the event to respond when they see all the excitement in town.

If a resident declined to serve as a host early in the campaign, make a note to call again a few weeks before the ride. He/she may change his/her mind after hearing that friends/neighbors are hosting riders. Some towns report the most success in finding home hosts through a phone calling campaign. Others say setting up a table in businesses was most effective. Asking is always the best method!

It has also been recommended that volunteer hosts go through a screening process with your Police Department. This could be a simple background check of the list of hosts. This precautionary measure has been implemented by recent towns, thus providing an extra layer of safety and security.

Matchmaking made easier

Women who live alone will feel more comfortable hosting other women or couples rather than a group of men. People allergic to smoke do not want smokers staying in their home. For these reasons, you should come up with a host preference form that asks the same kind of questions you ask on the rider form. At the end of this section, compare the preferences on the Host Sign-up sample with the Housing Information Form for the web page.

Some communities have opted to allow hosts to select their own guests. One community organized all written requests by size in three different binders, complete with personal letters and photos (if provided by the group). The binders were kept at the Chamber office, thus allowing hosts to peruse all potential guests before making their decision.

There are some older riders and riders with disabilities who have a true need for housing. You can place an emphasis on placing these groups in housing ahead of groups that just don't like sleeping in a tent.

Most riders are very gracious and are happy to have accommodations. Your in-home hosts will receive thank-you notes for their hospitality. Hosts are not expected to feed their guests (though it is customary for church guests to eat at the church, thus providing revenue for the church) or to drive anyone

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anywhere, so it's up to the local committee to decide whether to accept anyone who has special requests.

Exchanging matches

The sample of the Housing Notification Letter included in this section is an excellent example of the most efficient process for notifying riders of their host homes. E-mail is an excellent way to accomplish this task. You might also work with the Publicity Committee and/or your Web & Social Media Committee to develop some kind of map that can accompany this e-mail letter. Be sure to ask for an e-mail reply to insure that the e-mail was received.

Once you make the match, you will also want to notify your host homeowner and give them the details of whom they will be hosting. **Committees have said that a target date for this to be accomplished is early to mid-June.**

Portable Toilets

If the club or team is sizeable, it may be in their best interest to rent portable toilets for their private group. If this occurs, please direct the team representative to contact the portable toilet company directly to make all arrangements and payments necessary. **The host should not be expected to pay this cost.** The Shower & Sanitation Committee should be able to provide you with this contact information.

In Northwood a few years ago, a local woman donated \$3,000 to provide portable toilets at any home that was hosting a large group of riders. This greatly helped the effort to house 100% of the housing requests in Northwood as 98 additional portable toilets were rented and placed at residences.

No More Room

Reality tells us that depending on the size of your town and the size of your committee, it just may not be possible to find housing for all who request it. **We suggest that you set an end date of July 1 for requesting housing.** After this date, send a letter of regret and remind riders that there is ample camping space available. Also post a message on your home page that the deadline passed. A sample regret letter can be found at the end of this section.

If you would like, you might inform them that they can check at the main Information Center the day of the event in case of cancellations.

In recent years, some riders have expressed frustration when their housing request has not been met. When this happens, please remind riders that RAGBRAI is a camping event, and private housing

is not advertised as part of RAGBRAI. If they continue to voice their frustrations, please forward their contact information to the RAGBRAI Director.

If anyone is being less than gracious in your attempt to find housing arrangements for them, you have the right to refuse service to anyone.

The Day of RAGBRAI

A member of the Housing Committee should be at the main Information Center from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. to help riders find their host homes. If there is more than one Information Center, it is most important that a member of the Housing Committee be located at the first center riders will see in order to help keep riders and support vehicle drivers from wandering through heavy traffic trying to find a host's home. The Information Center should plan to have maps of the town for the riders, so it would be good to work with the Information Center Committee to coordinate the design and detail of the map so a host home could be marked on it when a rider asks for directions.

Housing Signage Ideas

Towns have provided signs for hosts to post in their yard that read: "I'm Hosting Team Gourmet." These signs assist riders in finding their hosts and build community pride. Cresco posted signs in host yards that read "Here Lies Team" that went along with their paranormal theme.



More People or Vehicles than Listed

It is not fair to the hosts when people show up with more guests or more vehicles than agreed upon.

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This should be noted in the correspondence after the match that any more people or vehicles will void their housing reservation.

Teams will be warned that this practice of “smuggling” in extra guests (often un-registered

guests) will not be tolerated by RAGBRAI or the local housing committees. Please notify the RAGBRAI Director of any less than gracious behavior so we can take care of the situation.

HOUSING COMMITTEE TIMELINE & CHECKLIST

This is a schedule that worked for a town last year. Set a timeline that is reasonable for your community.

MARCH2022

- Meet with Web & Social Media Committee regarding posting information concerning Housing requests begin May 1 and associated liability issues
- Ad in newspaper to recruit hosts
- Flyers in church bulletins, grocery stores, utility bills, pizza boxes, etc. to recruit hosts
- Determine how many volunteers you will need
- Work with Web & Social Media Committee to post form for residents to sign up to house riders
- Budgets due to Budget/Fundraising Committee
- Attend Overnight Host Town Meeting in Des Moines
- Design a system to track requests and match with hosts
- Meet with Campground Committee to coordinate efforts
- Meet with Volunteer Committee

APRIL2022

- Meet with Showers, Sanitation & Recycling Committee regarding private toilets if needed
- Meet with RAGBRAI Staff

MAY2022

- Start accepting Housing requests from registered participants per the Housing List provided by RAGBRAI and post application on Web site
- Work with Publicity's Map sub-committee to get maps of the city designed for directing riders to their hosts

JUNE2022

- Letters to riders and hosts as they are matched
- Meet with Information Center Committee to share the housing list

JULY2022

- Regret letters, Post on Web site Housing Closed
- Volunteer orientation and training
- Community clean up

AFTER RAGBRAI

- Send out thank you notes
- Complete surveys
- Wrap up meeting with RAGBRAI Staff

**RAGBRAI® HOUSING BUDGET
CENTERVILLE, IOWA (JULY 27, 2016)**

REVENUE

Housing Income	Budgeted	In-Kind	Actual
Application Fees (\$3 each)	750.00	0.00	552.73
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TOTAL REVENUE	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$552.73

EXPENSES

Housing Expenditures	Budgeted	In-Kind	Actual
Advertising	300.00	0.00	0.00
Postage	100.00	0.00	0.00
Printing	100.00	0.00	0.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	Budgeted	In-Kind	Actual
Total Revenue	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$552.73
Total Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL PROFIT/LOSS	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$552.73

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Housing Response to Rider Inquiries Made Before May 1 (sample) (CD)

Thank you for your inquiry about a private housing opportunity during RAGBRAI. Your request is rejected at this time as we cannot process any housing requests until the result of the RAGBRAI® lottery is posted on May 1 and wristband numbers have been assigned.

If you are accepted as a RAGBRAI participant, you may complete the Housing Request Form on our Web site (www.AnytownRAGBRAI.com). The request form will ask the following information:

1. The number(s) on the wristbands assigned to you and any other member of your group by the RAGBRAI office.
2. The type of any vehicle registered with RAGBRAI (has been issued a vehicle pass).
3. Your name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address.
4. Specifics about your group, including: how many men, women and children; whether you want floor space for sleeping bags; smoking or non-smoking accommodations, outdoor camping or vehicle parking.
5. Please include a \$3 non-refundable application fee to help us defray postage and other expenses.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT RAGBRAI® IS A CAMPING
EVENT AND HOUSING IS LIMITED.**

See you in July!

No More Housing Available Postcard or Letter (sample) (CD)

We are sorry to inform you that we are unable to fulfill your request for housing during your stay in Anytown, Iowa for RAGBRAI XLIX. We have had over 2,000 requests for housing.

There is plenty of space available for tent camping at our official campgrounds. Please be advised that if you do decide to camp somewhere other than the official campgrounds, there are no restroom facilities at those sites.

There is parking available for motor homes and RVs in the designated RV campgrounds. But again, please be advised that there are no electrical or water hookups available.

Showers are available at various locations in town and are accessible on the shuttle bus route. Please check our Web site for a map of the shower and campground locations.

Feel free to check in at the main Information Center on the day of the event in case a cancellation occurs and housing opens up. Please do not contact us about cancellations prior to the day RAGBRAI visits our community.




Again, we apologize that we are not able to fulfill your request. If you have any other questions, please contact us at (e-mail address) and we will try to help in any way we can.

Enjoy your stay in Anytown!




Resident's Guide to Hosting Riders (CD)

Build your ads around these key points






WHAT A RIDER EXPECTS:

-  A place to put a tent outside, or inside floor space for a sleeping bag.
-  Access, if possible, to a bathroom and shower.
-  Possibly somewhere to fill water bottle.





WHAT A RIDER SHOULD NOT EXPECT:

-  To have full use of your home.
-  To be fed and entertained.
-  Towels, soap or shampoo.

WHAT HOSTS CAN EXPECT:

-  Well-behaved, appreciative guests.
-  Guests who respect your wishes.
-  The riders to arrive mid to early afternoon and be gone usually by 9:00 a.m. the next day.
-  Someone who will remember your kindness.
-  To meet some fascinating people.

WHAT IS COMPLETELY UP TO YOU:

-  How many guests and who (you get to select them yourself)
-  Restroom facilities
-  Laundry facilities
-  Whether you want to offer coffee, snacks, a beverage or anything for that matter.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER AS A RIDER HOST

E-MAIL **HOUSING@ANYTOWN.COM**

OR CALL **515-555-5555**

LET'S SHOW IOWA'S HOMETOWN HOSPITALITY!

Housing Information for the Home Page (CD)



ANY TOWN HOUSING APPLICATION

WE WILL PROVIDE PLENTY OF CAMPING SPACE IN THE OFFICIAL RAGBRAI CAMPGROUNDS. FOR THOSE DESIRING OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS, YOU HAVE THE OPTION OF REQUESTING HOUSING. WE ASK FOR A SMALL DONATION OF \$3 PER GROUP TO HELP DEFRAY OUR COSTS. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR NEEDS. THANK YOU.

PLEASE PRINT FORM AND MAIL WITH \$3 CHECK TO:
ANY TOWN RAGBRAI COMMITTEE / PO BOX 3 / ANY TOWN, IA 50505
DO NOT SEND PRIOR TO MAY 1, 2022 (APPLICATIONS RECEIVED PRIOR TO MAY 1 WILL BE REJECTED)
PLEASE PROVIDE SOME INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF OR GROUP TO HELP MATCH YOU WITH A HOST

CONTACT PERSON'S NAME:
CONTACT PERSON'S WRISTBAND NUMBER:
CLUB/TEAM NAME (IF APPLICABLE) CLUB/TEAM #
ADDRESS
CITY STATE ZIP
PHONE (HOME) (WORK)
E-MAIL ADDRESS (REQUIRED)

LIST ALL GUESTS (RIDERS/NON-RIDERS) AND WRISTBAND NUMBERS
(APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT VALID WRISTBAND NUMBERS)

Table with 2 columns: NAME, WRISTBAND NUMBER. Rows 1-10.

ATTACH SHEET IF MORE THAN 10 - SHOWING UP WITH MORE PEOPLE THAN LISTED VOIDS HOUSING
NO MORE THAN 15 WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR HOUSING

GROUP TYPE:
FAMILY / COUPLES / ALL MALES / ALL FEMALES / MIXTURE

AVERAGE AGE ANY SMOKERS?

TENT CAMPING (# OF TENTS) FLOOR SPACE (# OF SLEEPING BAGS)

NUMBER OF VEHICLES TYPE OF VEHICLES

ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED PRIOR TO MAY 1 OR WITH INVALID WRISTBAND NUMBERS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL NOT RETURN LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALLS.

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Shenandoah RAGBRAI Host Sign-Up

Yes! I will host RAGBRAI Riders at my home!

Full Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____
E-mail Address: _____

Miles from my home to Shenandoah: _____

I can provide *(check all that apply):*

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tent camping in yard
Approximate # of tent spaces _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Shaded area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Park RV/Motor Home in driveway | <input type="checkbox"/> Riders need to bring their own bedding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Park car/van in driveway | <input type="checkbox"/> Beds Available
Beds for # of guests _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In house sleeping space
Room for # of guests _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Shower/toilet facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wi-Fi/Internet | <input type="checkbox"/> A/C plug-in for charging electronics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry machine | <input type="checkbox"/> 30A plug-in for RV/Motor Home |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 50A plug-in for RV/Motor Home |

Preferences *(check all that apply):*

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allow Smoking Inside | <input type="checkbox"/> Allow Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allow Smoking Outside | <input type="checkbox"/> Males Only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Smoke Free | <input type="checkbox"/> Females Only |

Notes *(please give further explanation of any of the above choices):*

If you have already granted housing to riders/teams, please list names & contacts:

Return form ASAP to:
Shenandoah Housing
P.O. Box 555
Shenandoah, IA 51601



Appanoose Co. Tourism
641-437-4102
www.centervilleia.com

RAGBRAI Centerville looking for housing volunteers

Posted on April 21, 2016

CENTERVILLE, IOWA – With somewhere near 20,000 RAGBRAI-affiliated visitors expected on July 27's visit to Centerville, the RAGBRAI Centerville housing committee is looking for volunteers to provide various space to riders on the visit.

CLICK HERE for the PDF form to volunteer housing for RAGBRAI

In need from the community are volunteers who can provide parking for motor homes, space for tents, floor space, bed and/or bathroom facilities.

Hosts are only expected to provide a place for riders to rest their heads for the night. This space can be either provided inside or outside. Local housing volunteers are not required to entertain guests or provide them with amenities. Hosts are not required to transport or feed the riders.

RAGBRAI riders utilizing local housing would have the option to place a portable restroom on the property, which would be obtained at the expense of the riders staying at the property.

Riders are expected arrive into town beginning mid-afternoon on Wednesday, July 27. They would leave the following morning and be back on the road by 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 28.



The logo for the RAGBRAI overnight visit to Centerville, Iowa

To sign up as available to provide various housing services, visit the RAGBRAI Centerville website housing information page at <http://RAGBRAICenterville.com/housing-information/> to fill out a form that should be submitted to the Centerville-Rathbun Lake Area Chamber of Commerce office as soon as possible. Riders will begin making housing requests to the Centerville housing committee on May 1.

For questions or additional information on housing and other RAGBRAI-related topics visit www.RAGBRAICenterville.com or contact the chamber office at 128 North 12th Street, Centerville, Iowa or by e-mail at chamber@centervilleia.com.

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Emmetsburg Housing Request Form – RAGBRAI Riders

Please fill out and send via email to jward@iowalakes.edu to get your group’s information in our database. Your request will not be confirmed until a Housing Application and \$3.00 application fee are received. Applications and fee accepted after May 1, 2014.

Contact Name: _____ Total # in Group: _____

Contact Wristband Number: _____

Club/Team Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Work): _____ (Mobile): _____

Email Address: _____

Our group consists of: _____ Males _____ Females

(Application will not be processed until valid wristband numbers have been submitted)

List Riders and Support Crew who request housing:

NAME	WRISTBAND NUMBER
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____
8. _____	_____
9. _____	_____
10. _____	_____

I am seeking: (Check all that apply)

- Tent camping in a yard Approx. # of tents _____
- In House sleeping space
- Motor Home or Van in driveway
- # of people for floor space _____
- Shower/Toilet Facilities Smoking Pets Non-Smoking

Any other information to help us with the matching process? Occupation/Interests/Gender/Ages/etc?

Fill out request and attach any additional details in an email to jward@iowalakes.edu.

For more info visit: <http://www/emmetsburgragbrai.com>

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Housing Notification Letter (sample) (FD)

Date _____

Dear RAGBRAI® Rider,

We have arranged for your stay in

_____ on _____, July _____.

Number of Guests: _____

Number of Vehicles: _____

Types of Vehicles (other than cars): _____

Your host is:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Please contact your host to obtain specific directions to his/her home.

Your accommodations include the following marked areas:

camping

showers

floor space

RV parking

We have done our best to match you with the type of accommodations you requested.

Please do not surprise your host with additional people or additional vehicles or a request for additional services that you did not initially request. This will void your housing request.

Enclosed you will find a map. Enjoy your stay and come again. Have a safe and pleasant trip!

The RAGBRAI Housing Committee

These accommodations must be confirmed with the host before July 3 or they will be offered to another rider. If your plans change, please contact your host family.

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Housing Form for Rider Inquiries (FD)
(Kept at the Information Center)

If this was set up on a table or spreadsheet, you could also have the list sorted alphabetically by Host Name, and/or alphabetically by Team Contact name for a quick cross reference. Also when setting up your data base, if a group does not have a team name, RAGBRAI always uses the last name of the team contact person for the Team Name.

TEAM NAME	TEAM #	TEAM CONTACT LAST NAME	TEAM CONTACT FIRST NAME	# IN GROUP/ # OF CARS	CITY STATE	HOST NAME	ADDRESS
Team Abbott	39452	Abbott	Pat & Bonnie	7/0	Macomb, IL	Jack Benson	821 Center St
Team BRAG	1809	Winston	Ginger	12/2	Ames, IA	Rita Jones	475 W 8th
Cycle Therapy	33569	Smith	Jeff	8/1	Denver, CO	Sam Foster	1135 Dewdrop Lane



UNI RESIDENCE HALL HOUSING FORM RAGBRAI Riders

Contact Name: _____

Contact Wristband Number: _____

Club / Team Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Work): _____ (Mobile): _____

Email Address: _____

Our group consists of: _____ Males _____ Females (Res. Hall floors are not coed)

List all riders on your team:

(Application will not be processed until valid wristband numbers have been submitted)

NAME

WRISTBAND NUMBER

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____

Please attach additional pages, if necessary

The cost of a UNI residence hall room is \$14.50 per person, double occupancy, in addition to a \$3 RAGBRAI housing application fee. The UNI residence hall will have two beds per room, including a mattress, sheets, pillow, blanket, and two towels. The residence hall is not air-conditioned. Within the residence hall complex you will have access to shower/restroom facilities, laundry rooms and a computer lab with high-speed internet connection.

Please return the completed form ASAP, with \$14.50 per person, and the \$3 application fee, to:

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c/o RAGBRAI Housing
6510 Hudson Road, Cedar Falls, IA 50613
Phone: (319) 268-4266 Fax: (319) 277-9707
Email: visit@cedarfallstourism.org
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