

“The Great McKendree Bike Chase” – General Information

What’s a “Bike Chase?” We’ve designed this fun event as a cross between a ride and a race, and we welcome riders of ALL levels of cycling expertise. If time matters, you can lead the group, hammer the Chase in under an hour, and win a medal. Otherwise, take your time and count how many riders you pass (or who pass you) in the two hours that we’ll have the course open. Your bicycle is your choice: cruiser, hybrid, road bike, mountain bike, the Huffy from the basement, etc. The Great McKendree Bike Chase is not a U.S. Cycling Federation event. You **MUST** wear a serviceable helmet to participate!

The Chase starts at the McKendree Fountain in the center of campus and finishes on our track inside the Leemon Field stadium. Each of the six laps follows a route through Lebanon business and residential areas, into and out of our stadium, and then back to the campus fountain. Each lap measures approximately three miles and includes the challenge of high-speed straight-aways, tight and hairpin turns, about 200 yards of brick roadway, a narrow concrete ramp exiting our stadium, and the track surface itself. We’ll have volunteers directing you on the Chase course which is **NOT** closed to vehicular traffic. We expect about 50 participants. Your registration fee is \$15.00, but if you wait until Chase Day to sign up, that fee is \$20.00.

We’ll have Bike Chase T-shirts for all participants and, for those who are ridin’ hard, we’ll present medals to the top 3 men and women finishers. We’ll also provide an array of post-race refreshments. The pre-ride briefing is at 7:40am inside or outside our Melvin Price Convocation Center (MPCC) gymnasium complex, depending on weather. If we have dangerous weather on Race Day, we reserve the right to delay the start time until conditions are safe. No registration fee refunds.

Directions to McKendree University

- Interstate 64 to Exit 23, Illinois Route 4, Lebanon. Turn north on Route 4.
 - Turn left (west) at the first flashing red light on West St. Louis Street in Lebanon.
- Or**
- Interstate 70 to Exit 21, Illinois Route 4. Turn south on Route 4.
 - Travel about 9 miles and turn right (west) at the flashing red light on West St. Louis Street in Lebanon.

Then,

- Turn right (north) on Alton Street.
- Travel north on Alton Street for ½ mile and just past the 4-way stop sign; the MPCC is on the right.
- There’s plenty of parking (1) at the MPCC, (2) near the starting line across from the McKendree Fountain, or (3) in parking lots no one ever uses on Stanton Street which is one block on the other (west) side of the fountain.

For your convenience, you can also register online at active.com

Here’s how: Go to our University race web site at mckendree.edu/raceday. In the left margin, click “The Great McKendree Bike Chase, July 2011.” Scroll down to “Payment Options” and click on “online via active.com.” On the next page, you’ll find general Bike Chase information. Scroll to mid-page and click “Register Now.” You can now begin registering.

or

Go directly to the “active.com” web site, type “The Great McKendree Bike Chase” into the search bar at the top of the page, click the “Search” button, and you’re at our registration page. Click “The Great McKendree Bike Chase.” On the next page, you’ll find general Bike Chase information. Scroll to mid-page and click “Register Now” and you can begin registering.

Active.com is a secure web site used by Event Directors across the country. It gives you the convenience of registering from your computer and paying with your credit card. Active.com does charge a service fee of \$3.25 per registration for this convenience which is your responsibility. Your last chance to register online is midnight Central Standard Time, Wednesday, July 20th. Feel free to take advantage of this option or register through the mail or here in person at the McKendree University Intramural Gym Desk on the north end of the MPCC.

*Watch for our “Harvest Challenge” 5K/Half Marathon coming in September
and our
“Ramble into Spring” 5K/10K/10-Miler in March, 2012*