



WELCOME! Thank you for choosing to participate in the **50K** ride for the annual Bike Shenandoah event this year.

**Start time:** 9:00 am

- Please arrive by 8:30 am to check in
- Give yourself 15 minutes or so of easy spinning to warm up

**Start Location:** EMS parking lot - 801 Parkwood Dr., Harrisonburg, VA, 22802.

**Directions:**

- Riders will leave as a group promptly at start time.
- Use proper hand signals and obey the rules of the road.
- Use the bike lane when available.
- Ride single file mostly, definitely no more than 2 riders side by side.
- Give plenty of room to the riders next to you to avoid crashes.
- Ride at your own pace - a pace that is comfortable for you.
- Having riding partners working together at a similar pace will make the ride easier, provide opportunities to get acquainted with fellow riders and help create an enjoyable day while cycling for service.

**Ride Markers: Orange Dot**

- The route is marked with an **Orange Dot**. The White dot is your reference point.
- Turn right: The Orange dot is to the right of the White dot. Turn left: The Orange dot is left of the White dot.
- Continue Straight: The Orange dot is above the White dot.
- Other dots: This route mark (with a different color) is also used for other rides - follow the **Orange Dot**.
- If you find markings are confusing or you see a discrepancy with the cue sheet, follow the cue sheet.
- There may be other cycling event routes marked on some of the roads we are using. Be sure to follow the Bike Shenandoah **Orange Dot** markings and not another route.

**Notices:**

- There may be some heavy traffic along the route. Please watch for vehicles and follow all road rules.
- The route has hill climbs - elevation gain is ~ 2014 ft. Be sure to stay hydrated!
- The best strategies to avoid suffering from cramped muscles are adequate hydration, eating bananas, avoiding pushing hard in big gears and keeping a pace similar to or less than your training pace.

**Rest Stops:**

- The route has 2 rest stops. (approx. mile 10.3 and mile 20.1).
- There will be a REST STOP poster and road markings at your two rest stops.
- Be sure to fill water bottles at each rest stop and stay hydrated.
- If you are wearing an extra jacket, leg warmers, etc., you will have an opportunity to place them in a bag at the 1<sup>st</sup> rest stop where they will be picked up by a SAG vehicle and taken to the registration desk. Be sure to claim your items at the end of the ride.
- If you decide to abandon the ride or change to a different route, please call to report your plans.

**SAG: (Supplies And Gear)**

- You will see a SAG support vehicle from time to time. The vehicle will have a sign in the window and is available to provide assistance if you need it.
- The signal for having them stop is this: Place your hand on top of your helmet and raise your hand twice. This will avoid confusion for the driver when riders give a friendly wave and so forth.

**Minor Waiver Form:**

If you are/have a minor, the signed [minor waiver form](#) MUST be given at check in to participate in the ride.

**After the ride:**

*Important: Please check in at the registration desk when you finish so we can mark you as safely returned.*

Please plan to return to EMS **no later than 1 pm**.

**Lunch: provided free for riders (courtesy of our sponsors)**

Hours: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Location: EMS dining hall

Please wear your mask indoors when not eating and physically distance when possible (families that live together feel free to sit together)

Stay safe and enjoy your ride!