

2012 Tour de Tonka FAQ's

Is Tour de Tonka a ride or a race?

Tour de Tonka is a ride, it is NOT a race.

What time is pre-ride packet pick-up on Friday, August 3?

Pre-ride packet pick-up is all day on Friday, August 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at MHS.

What time does packet pick-up start on Saturday, August 4?

Packet pick-up starts at 5:45 a.m. on Saturday, August 4 at Minnetonka High School (MHS). Avoid the crowds and take advantage of pre-ride packet pick-up on Friday, August 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at MHS. Driving directions to MHS are located on our Web site, www.tourdetonka.org.

Where is Minnetonka High School?

18301 West Highway 7
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Can I register the day of, or the day before the ride?

Yes. Onsite registrations will take place at MHS during pre-ride packet pick-up on Friday, August 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and the morning of the ride on Saturday, August 4 from 5:45 to 7:00 a.m.

Where do I park?

1. Parking will be available at Minnetonka High School on the morning of the ride, however, parking spaces are limited at this site to the first 920 vehicles. Please arrive early to park at MHS.
2. 225 Additional parking spaces will be available at our District Service Center and Clear Springs Elementary School located just south of MHS on County Road 101.
3. If you decide to park in non-designated Tour de Tonka parking areas, you may risk being ticketed and/or towed.

What time do I need to be in my distance area (16, 26, 43, 77 or 100) of the Bike Corral?

The bike corral will be open and ready you and your bicycle at 5:30 a.m. For your convenience, and that of other riders, we encourage you to be in the corral no later than 7:15 a.m.

Can I donate to the ICA Foodshelf on the day of the ride?

YES! Riders are encouraged to donate at any time on or before the day of the ride. To make an online donation, visit www.tourdetonka.org and click on "Register Now" to log-in to the registration site. Select "ICA Food Shelf Donation" from the class choices, add to cart and check-out. ICA also accepts donations or non-perishable food items at the pre-ride packet pick-up on August 3, or on the day of the ride on August 4. ICA's bulk buying program allows them to stretch the dollars they receive. A donation of just \$5 buys a full bag of groceries for a family in need.

Will Tour de Tonka be cancelled due to bad weather?

No. Tour de Tonka will happen rain or shine!

How does the "Ride-Start" work?

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| 5:30 a.m. | The bike corral opens |
| 7:15 a.m. | All riders need to be in their corrals |
| 7:17 a.m. | Opening Remarks and Announcements |
| 7:20 a.m. | National Anthem |
| 7:30 a.m. | 100-Mile Ride begins |
| 7:37 a.m. | 77-Mile Ride begins |
| 7:44 a.m. | 43-Mile Ride begins |
| 7:54 a.m. | 26-Mile Ride begins |

8:00 a.m. 17-Mile Ride begins
8:03 a.m. All riders should be fully released

Is the route closed to traffic?

No. Numerous volunteers and city police departments will be on the route to help keep everyone safe and direct motorists, but none of the routes are closed to traffic. **Tour de Tonka Riders must obey all traffic laws during the ride.**

Do I need to wear a helmet?

Yes, helmets are mandatory.

Will there be rest stops along the route?

Yes. There are rest stops along all of the routes that include refreshments and snacks, and most have music! Go to www.tourdetonka.org and click on routes to see where the rest stops are.

What if my bike breaks down on the route?

Tour de Tonka is a fully supported ride. Walser Automotive SAG vehicles are on patrol throughout the route, and we have bike mechanics at the start of the ride and at rest stops. If your bike breaks down on the route, stay where you are and call in to Tour de Tonka HQ. A SAG vehicle will be along shortly to pick you up. In case of an emergency, call 911 immediately.

What phone number do I call if my bike breaks down?

Call Tour de Tonka Headquarters @ 952-401-6800. This phone number will be answered all day on Saturday, August 4, from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Can my family and friends stand along the route and cheer me on?

Yes, and we encourage them to do so!

Any other questions?

Call Ellen @ 952-401-6842.