

HI TO ALL **TOUR DE BUCKEYE LAKE RIDERS** PAST AND PRESENT!

Now that our Tour de Buckeye Lake cycling event for 2018 is safely behind us, we are looking forward.

We got some very useful feedback from riders this year. Everyone seemed to enjoy the PaPaBoo's ice cream stop. There were some very constructive suggestions from our riders which we will be implementing for next year's ride to make it the best ride yet.

Next year the 4.1. paved, flat, trail on the new dam will be open for use. We will be adjusting the main route to encompass that 4.1 mile stretch with a spectacular view of the lake as part of our ride.

We are also working on a longer route that will be easier to follow than the "side trip" concept. The route descriptions and color coding of arrows will be simplified as well. We are in preliminary discussion to attempt to encompass Dawes Arboretum into this longer ride.

So we thank you for your feedback in helping us to improve each year and ultimately make this a favorite regional ride.

We are looking for volunteers who would like to get involved in the Bike Buckeye Lake, Inc., Organization. Our next general meeting is January 3, Thursday, at 6:30 p.m. at the Buckeye Lake Winery. We need volunteers to organize the sale of Bike Buckeye Lake bike jerseys to riders who want to be part of the BBL riding team. We need grant writers to help us win government grant money for our trail development efforts. We need volunteers to assist with our Christmas Bicycle Drive for needy children. We need volunteers to organize Bike Buckeye Lake appearances at other events such as Winterfest, the opening of the dam, etc. If you are interested in becoming part of the Bike Buckeye Lake, Inc. effort please contact Jeff Ritter, President of Bike Buckeye Lake at jrritter22@gmail.com.

We are currently gearing up for our Christmas Bike Drive. We purchase new bicycles for underprivileged children in the tri-county Buckeye Lake Region. The children are identified by local government agencies, social workers, schools, churches, food banks, and other groups who would be in a position to identify a child or a family in need.

The bicycles are delivered to the agencies for delivery to families prior to the holiday. Anyone wishing to contribute to this effort may use the link on our website at www.bikebuckeyelake.org or send a check to Bike Buckeye Lake, Inc., at P.O. Box 523, Buckeye Lake, Ohio 43008. Make sure to specify on the check "for Christmas Bike Drive". Last year we were able to give 176 needy children a bicycle and a helmet for Christmas. If you are looking for a tax deduction and at the same time making a memorable Christmas for a child in need, your donation is tax deductible as we are a 501(c)3 organization.

We want to thank you for being a part of our Bike Buckeye Lake family and look forward to seeing you at our next event. Next year's Tour de Buckeye Lake will be on August 24, 2019.

Keep checking our website for information on upcoming events.

www.bikebuckeyelake.org