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### BRAG 2007

**June 9-16, 2007 Columbus - Savannah**

Dates are June 9 – 16, 2007.

Overnight towns and site locations are:

Sat. - June 9 - Columbus Civic Center

Sun. - June 10 - Americus Georgia  
Southwestern State University - 69 miles

Mon. - June 11 - Cordele Crisp County  
High School - 62 miles

Tues. - June 12 - Douglas South Georgia College -73 miles

Wed. - June 13 - Douglas - South Georgia College - 100,  
62, 35, or 0 miles

Thurs. - June 14 -Baxley - Appling Cty Comprehensive H/S  
-45 miles

Fri. - June 15 - Hinesville - Bradwell Institute - 58 miles

Sat. - June 16 - Savannah - Grayson - Stadium/Daffin  
Park -47 miles



### Quick Links

Some highlights of this year's ride are the Purist Ride through Ft. Benning to Alabama, Mama Raphael breakfast

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buffets, Andersonville, the Fitzgerald Blue & Gray Museum, dorm rooms in Americus and Douglas, BRAG Talent Show, and Elvis live in concert.

Motel List available. [Click Here](#).

The registration form as well as on-line registration with Active.com will be available on the web site February 1.

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**BRAG Merchandise****BRAG 2006 Jersey On Sale...And More!**

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If you didn't purchase a BRAG 2006 jersey last year, now is your chance to get this jersey for only \$40 The price has been reduced from \$75 Various sizes are available with sleeves and sleeveless, and you can use your credit card.

Check out the merchandise page at [www.brag.org](http://www.brag.org) for this and other BRAG merchandise.

[To view more merchandise...](#)

**BRAG 2007 VIP Club****(Very Important Pedalers)**

Announcing the BRAG VIP Club for 2007. Save \$70 and show your support for BRAG events. Register now for all 4 BRAG events in 2007 and save almost 20% over anticipated registration and t-shirt fees. Log on [www.brag.org](http://www.brag.org) for the VIP registration form. Pay one fee of \$325 (\$295 for Seniors age 65 & older) and become registered for the following 4 exciting events:



Spring Tune-Up - April 27-29, 2007 - Madison, GA - 3 days riding/3 nights camping

BRAG 2007 - June 8-16, 2007 - Columbus – Savannah - 8 days riding/8 nights camping

Bike Atlanta - Sept., 2007 - (Date TBA) - Downtown Atlanta - 1 day ride

Georgia BikeFest - Sept. or Oct. 2007 (Dates TBA) - Newnan, GA - 3 days riding/3 nights camping

The BRAG VIP Club includes a t-shirt for each event and an advance copy of the route descriptions and maps.

Cancellation fee for any ride: 50% of regular registration fee including T-shirt fee. No refunds after the "no refund" date on each ride's registration form.

**The BRAG 2007 VIP Club offer expires January 31, 2007.**

We can accept VISA or MasterCard for VIP Club registrations only.

Already registered for BRAG 2007 and/or Spring Tune- Up 2007? No problem. You can apply those payments toward your BRAG VIP Club fee.

The BRAG VIP Club fee structure is not available for children and college students since those fees are already substantially discounted.

[Read more on the VIP Club...](#)

**Spring Tune-Up Ride**

**April 27-29, 2007 Madison, GA**

The Spring Tune-Up Ride will be in Madison, GA, April 27 - 29, 2007. Mark your calendar now to attend this fun-filled weekend and help Madison and Morgan County celebrate their Bicentennial.



All of your favorites will be back, including riding to the "Bodacious Buffet" at the Blue Willow Inn, the Bicentennial Oreo Cow Century Ride, and the Ramble to Rock Eagle.

Shuttle buses will be provided Friday and Saturday nights along with a Street Dance on the square Saturday night from 7:30 – 9:30 pm. Madison Fest will be Saturday from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. New this year – a free 2-mile Morgan County Bicentennial Ride for Kids at 2:00 pm Saturday!

[Read More on Spring Tune-up 2007...](#)

**Georgia BikeFest**

**Newnan, GA**

The 2007 Georgia BikeFest will be returning to Newnan, GA. Dates will be determined when we know the Newnan High School football schedule.

[Read More on Georgia BikeFest](#)

### **Bike Costa Rica**

**February 17-25, 2007**

BIKE COSTA RICA from Arenal Volcano to the Pacific -  
February 17 - 25, 2007.

Join Team Brag for an unforgettable on-road bike experience in beautiful and diverse Costa Rica. Activities include a jungle canopy tour, a relaxing soak in thermal springs after biking, and a tranquil river rafting trip. Kayaking and snorkeling are planned when we reach the Pacific.

We will pedal through lush coffee farms and rainforests, around Lake Arenal, and across the Continental Divide, with an opportunity to view a variety of birds, monkeys, and other indigenous animals along the way. Bilingual local guides and van support are available at all times.

The mileage is limited to 25-30 miles a day, with optional riding available. A hybrid or mountain bike is preferred and may be rented from the local tour company, Bi.Costa Rica Bike Tours. Costa Rica generally has good paved back roads, but some gravel may be encountered.

This is a 9-day, 8-night trip in excellent hotels or B&B's, with all meals, except two lunches, included, and two layover days at a mountain resort and at a beach resort.  
**The group size is limited. So hurry!**

To view the photos of the ride last January, see <http://www.pixagogo.com/3072685214>.

To register or obtain a brochure, please email Jerry Colley [Jerry Colley](mailto:Jerry.Colley) or call Gloria Colley at 770-377-9953.

### **Biking Bleckley**

**Saturday, February 24, 2007 Cochran, GA**

Come join your cycling friends for the Biking Bleckley Metric 100 in Cochran, GA, on Saturday, February 24, 2007. Mileage options are 62, 50, 30, and 15 miles.

For more information contact the Cochran-Bleckley Chamber of Commerce at 478-934- 2965 or email at [cbchamber@comsouth.net](mailto:cbchamber@comsouth.net)

### **Azalea Festival Century Bike Ride**

**Saturday, March 3, 2007 Lake Park, GA**

Be a part of the fun on Saturday, March 3, 2007, and

come ride the Azalea Festival Century Bike Ride in Lake Park, GA.

Registration Saturday morning from 7:00 – 7:45 a.m. with a mass start at South Lowndes Recreation Complex (6440 Ocean Pond Avenue; Lake Park, GA) at 8:00 a.m. Fully supported ride with SAG stops.

Various mileage options of 107, 76, 49, and 29 miles available. All routes are flat and moderately rolling.

For more information email [sirocus.barne@s@mchsi.com](mailto:sirocus.barne@s@mchsi.com)

**[Read more on Azalea Festival Century Bike Ride...](#)**

### **Wheels O'Fire Century Cycle Tour**

**Saturday, March 10, 2007 Harris County**

Follow the path of Tour de Georgia's world-class cyclists and ride the Wheels O'Fire Century Cycle Tour on Saturday, March 10, 2007. Set in the rolling foothills of West Georgia's Harris County, home of internationally renowned Callaway Gardens, this ride stands second to none for challenge and all-around appeal.

Various mileage options available along with clearly marked routes, ample rest stops stocked with refreshments, and first aid and mechanical support.

**[For more information on Wheels O'Fire Century Cycle Tour...](#)**

### **Dublin Rotary St. Patrick's Century Ride**

**Saturday, March 18, 2007 Dublin, GA (Official BRAG Training Ride)**

Start your 2007 cycling season by joining the St. Patrick's Century Ride in Dublin, GA, on Sunday, March 18, 2007. **This is an Official BRAG Training Ride.** Mileage options are 100, 50, and 27 miles.

Contact Steve Moore at [smoore@nlamerica.com](mailto:smoore@nlamerica.com) for more information.

### **Bike Florida 2007**

**March 17-23, 2007**

Bike Florida Inc. is a non-profit organization now 14 years old. Every year, Bike Florida hosts a weeklong bicycle camping adventure tour. The route varies, linking small towns with natural and historic landmarks along scenic country roads. The event is fully supported with assistance

from local law enforcement agencies and safety signage, alerting motorists to "SHARE THE ROAD" with the 1000 cyclists on this weeklong adventure.

[Read more on Bike Florida 2007](#)

**Tour de Georgia 2007**

**April 16-22, 2007 Peachtree City to Centennial Olympic Park**

The fifth annual cycling event will begin April 16, 2007, in Peachtree City and end in Centennial Olympic Park, marking its first return to Atlanta since the inaugural race in 2003.

For the first time in the five-year history of the Tour de Georgia, premium hospitality packages and individual tickets will be available for purchase online. Race fans and corporate clients can now enjoy special reserved access to the **Yellow Jersey Club**.

The Yellow Jersey Club provides a private and unique setting to enjoy all the daily cycling action at start and finish lines. With tickets, patrons enjoy choice parking access, complimentary food and beverages, close-circuit television viewing of live racing and access to Autograph Alley (start lines) or viewing of the awards ceremonies (finish lines).

Don't stand on the sidelines! Be a part of the action and volunteer for the Tour de Georgia. Be one of over 4,000 persons who make up the volunteer force for the week. You can be part of the fun for one day or a full week. Various positions are available and are guaranteed to enhance your experience with the Tour de Georgia.

[For more information on Tour de Georgia 2007...](#)

**Florida Bicycle Association**

**Introducing Florida Discovery Bicycling Center**

The Florida Bicycle Association has launched its new Florida Discovery Bicycling Center. It's for people who want to learn to ride safely, but can't find anyone elsewhere to teach them. Led by long-time LAB and NBTDA certified instructor Lyndy Moore, FDBC has quickly become the Florida adult safety training standard.

Lake Helen, FL – pretty, historic, and quiet – drew the attention of the Florida Bicycle Association as the place to start their program. The Florida Discovery Bicycling Center's program is six days and five nights. There is a

day of in-class and outdoors safety training followed by four days of riding country roads with little traffic then on to busier town streets. Daily rides range from 10 to 45 miles with extra mapped miles for those who want the additional mileage.

For a full schedule of coming tours, log onto [www.Floridabicycle.org/discovery](http://www.Floridabicycle.org/discovery).

[Read more on Florida Bicycle Association...](#)

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