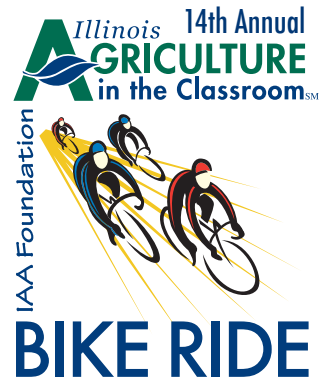




# COUNTRY CROSSROADS Bike Ride 2009

Sept. 8-10, 2009



## Cycle to support Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom

For the 14th Annual *Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom* Bike Ride, cyclists will travel through nine counties in Eastern Illinois – right through the country crossroads of America – over prairie land and rolling hills, near lakes and open vistas. The 2009 ride will begin and end each day in Mattoon, IL.

The *Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom* (IAITC) Bike Ride is a fundraising event to support IAITC programming. Riders raise funds and also help awareness at school stops along the route, bringing the important message of agriculture to students in the state of Illinois.

## IAITC Bike Ride Highlights

- One, two, or three day ride options
- Cross country ride – not a race
- Features routes through nine Illinois counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Effingham, Jasper, Moultrie & Shelby
- All rides begin and end in Mattoon, IL
- Fun evening activities

## Several Daily Routes Available

All routes begin and end in Mattoon, IL – mileages approximate

### Tuesday, September 8

100, 65, & 40 miles

### Wednesday, September 9

100, 65, & 40 miles

### Thursday, September 10

40 & 60 miles



Contact the IAA Foundation at (309)557-2230 or go to [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org) for more information

• Registration available online •

## Raise funds for IAITC and YOU determine how much it costs to ride!

Riders are encouraged to raise funds for IAITC by collecting contributions from family, friends, and co-workers.

- Raise \$1,000 – receive **FREE** registration, meals, and lodging
- Raise \$500 – receive **FREE** registration and meals
- Raise \$250 – receive **FREE** registration
- Expenses not offset by contributions will be billed to you at the conclusion of the ride
- Meal & lodging costs are approximately \$275 (double occupancy)

## RIDE BASICS

- SAG support is available all day on each bike route to help riders who may break down physically or mechanically.
- SAG vehicles are equipped with first aid supplies, snacks & beverages and bike repair supplies.
- Riders stay in comfortable hotel accommodations. Most meals are served by local county Farm Bureau's® known for putting on a great spread.
- Meals available for breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- Helmets are required – NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Participation is flexible, but you should be able to average 12-15 mph.
- ALL registered riders will receive a rider packet with fundraising tips and specific ride information.

## Registration Fees

Includes a t-shirt, route maps, SAG services, snacks & beverages, and a souvenir photo. Children under 16 must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Meals and lodging billed separately.

Children 12 & under .....	\$25
Rider Early Bird Fee .....	\$75
Rider Late Fee –	
Postmarked after	
AUGUST 21st.....	\$95