



Frequently Asked Questions

Owl Ride for Jackson August 26 & 27, 2017

Registration & Fundraising

How do I register?

Visit the Jackson Chance Foundation Crowdrise page at crowdrise.com/OwlRideforJackson2017, click register, select the registration/fundraising minimum option best for you, and follow the remaining steps. After completing registration, you will have access to your own personalized Crowdrise page to help you reach your fundraising goals.

How much is registration?

Registration for Owl Ride for Jackson is \$100. Free registration is available for members of Team Chance who commit to a higher fundraising minimum. See below for a breakdown of registration fees and fundraising minimums.

Race for Free

Fundraising minimum: \$2,222
Registration: \$0

Pay your Way

Fundraising minimum: \$1,111
Registration: \$100

What if I don't hit my fundraising minimum?

When you register for Owl Ride for Jackson you agree to a fundraising minimum and store your credit card before creating a page. Our team is here to help and ensure you reach your goals. If you do not reach your fundraising minimum through donations to your page, we do expect that each participant cover the difference between their minimum and what they were able to raise before the ride. The deadline to fundraise is Wednesday, August 30, 2017. See above for fundraising minimum options. If you are having trouble or have questions email lizzy@jacksonchance.org.

How do I set-up or join a team?

Follow the steps above to begin the registration process. After you choose your registration type and fundraising minimum, you will have the option to "join a team", "create a team", or "fundraise as an individual". If you'd like to join a team that has already been created click "join a team" and select the appropriate group. Otherwise, click "create a team" to become the team leader and fill out team goals and information. Once the team page is set-up you will be prompted to create your own individual fundraising page as a member of that team and others will be able to join.

Ride Details & Pace Groups

I've never cycled this far, will I be able to complete the ride?

While 111 miles is a long and challenging distance and we recommend following our 12-week training guide, in our experience, participants who are fit and active 3-4 days/week can complete the ride with minimal training. If you are worried about the distance and have questions about the ride email lizzy@jacksonchance.org.

Is the ride exactly 111 miles?

Each year the ride will vary in length depending on starting point, weather conditions, and the exact route taken. The distance will be at least 111 miles and range between 111 and 128 miles. In 2016, Team Chance clocked in 123 miles. The 111 milestone was chosen in honor of Jackson Chance's unique birthday on 11/11/11 at 11:11pm.

How long does the ride take to complete?

Each year the ride will range between a total of 111 and 128 miles miles split evenly over two days. Each day is approximately 6-8 hours long including time for 6 rest stops. Ride length will vary depending on weather, average pace of registered riders, and other variables. Riders will leave Chicago at 6:00am on Saturday, August 26 and will arrive back in Chicago around 3:00pm on Sunday, August 27.

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What are rest stops?

There will be 6 official rest stops throughout the route, approximately 1 per hour and 10 miles apart. All rest stops will be equipped with a cargo van with first aid, food, water, and access to bathrooms. Each stop is 15 minutes long with the exception of lunch. Pace groups may make additional stops to take photos, hydrate, fix a tire, etc.

What if something happens to me or my bike and I can't finish the ride?

An expert cyclist will accompany each pace group to accommodate minor first aid, repairs, and issues. In case of a more serious injury, repair, or other emergency, cargo vans will be available to pick up riders and their bikes.

How fast will riders be cycling? What if I can't keep up?

The ride is designed to be leisurely, but still challenging. During registration, riders are asked to submit an anticipated pace so that we can place you in a pace group that fits your ability. We anticipate most riders cycling at a pace of 10 - 15 MPH. Your pace group leader can adjust speed throughout the ride to ensure that all riders are comfortable.

If I sign-up with a friend will we be in the same pace group?

If there is someone you'd like to ride with email lizzy@jacksonchance.org and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

What if my pace is different than I submitted during registration?

We anticipate that paces may change during your training. All riders will have the opportunity to adjust anticipated pace prior to being assigned a pace group.

What is the terrain of the ride?

The majority of the ride will be on on cement or gravel trails. Riders will occasionally cycle through city streets in order to get to the next trail and to our destination.

Where can significant others, family, and friends cheer me on?

All of our rest stops will be sent to riders a week before the ride with estimated arrival times. Friends and significant others are welcome to meet you at rest stops or join us overnight at the hotel. Valparaiso, IN is approximately one hour from Chicago and we encourage your guests to join us for dinner. In addition, there will be a post-ride celebration at the Hard Rock Hotel Chicago on Sunday, August 27 at 4:30pm where friends and family can join. Please let us know if your guests will be joining us in Valparaiso or for the post-race celebration by Friday, August 18.

Food & Accommodations

Do riders need to bring their own food and supplies for the weekend?

Riders receive complimentary first aid, meals, snacks, and water for the entire weekend. Once you arrive in Valparaiso, there will be an opportunity to head into town and cool off with ice cream, beer, or additional sustenance. While we will have some tubes and basic bike supplies on hand, we recommend riders bring a spare tube to ensure it will fit your tire. If you have dietary restrictions please email lizzy@jacksonchance.org.

Are there accommodations for our overnight stay? What should we do with our bikes overnight?

Accommodations are available at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Valparaiso, IN at a reduced rate of \$110/night for Saturday, August 26. Once you register for the ride, you will receive a link to reserve your room. You are allowed to store your bike in your room. If you will be making separate arrangements please be aware of the schedule of events that will be sent out prior to the ride.

Should I pack an overnight bag or will I need to carry my things with me?

Riders will have the opportunity to drop off 1 overnight bag with our cargo vans prior to leaving Chicago. We recommend bringing an extra pair of riding clothes, a casual outfit for Saturday night, and anything else you may need. There is a metered washing machine on-site at the hotel.

What do I need for the ride?

Riders will need a bike, helmet, and appropriate gear. We recommend purchasing a padded seat or bike pants and a phone holder. Riders will receive a checklist of recommended items before the ride.

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