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**AUGUST 25 DEADLINE FOR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION  
24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AMISH COUNTRY BIKE TOUR  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 IN DOVER, DE**

DOVER, DE - The early bird registration deadline for Kent County Tourism's 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Amish Country Bike Tour ends **August 25, 2010**. Register now and save up to \$40.

Delaware's premier cycling event takes place September 11, 2010, starting and finishing at Legislative Mall in Dover. Registration begins at 7 a.m. The tour begins at 8 a.m. with a **9-11 tribute and blessing of the bikes ceremony**. The bike tour, **suited for all ages and abilities**, includes 15, 25, 50, 62 and 100-mile loops through the back roads of Delaware's Amish farmlands. Rest stops include the famous Amish Schoolhouse where members of the Amish community serve home-baked pies and cookies. Several additional food stops will be included, featuring healthy snacks, sandwiches and beverages. New this year, there will be **non-stop entertainment** at the most popular food stops with Celtic Harvest, Sandy Shalk, Kevin Sarkissian, and the Stoney Run String Band. The **after-tour party** kicks off at 11 a.m. on Legislative Mall with the Todd Stonesifer Band, and the afternoon continues with a barbeque lunch, yard games, yoga, massages, health screenings, and more! Also new this year, there will be **enhanced goodie bags for the first 1000 registered cyclists**, which includes lip balm, sun screen, 2 energy bars, sports drink mix, gift cards, and more! Bike tour participants may start between 8 and 10 a.m.

Registration fee, which includes bike tour map, goodie bag, up to four food and rest stops including the famous pie stop, after-tour party and catered picnic lunch, is:

- **Now through August 25:** \$35/adults; \$15 ages 5-16; under 5, free;
- **August 26 - September 9:** \$50/adults; \$20 ages 5-16; under 5, free;
- **September 10-11:** \$75/adults; \$25 ages 5-16; under 5, free; and
- **Family rate:** \$75 for 1 adult and up to children 16 and under; family rate only available for those who pre-register.

Beneficiaries of the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Amish Country Bike Tour include the Central Delaware YMCA, USO Delaware, the Amish School House Fund, and the Bike Tour Fund. A separate 25-mile race benefits Prostate Cancer Research.

For more information, visit [www.visitdover.com](http://www.visitdover.com) and click on the bike tour photo, or call 800-233-5368.

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