

Motorcycle Roving Sag

Job Description:

*Always start your shift(s) at the Loylton Elementary School on A-24.
Get your assignment(s) and equipment there.*

There are six 4-hour shifts

#1 1pm Friday to 5pm Friday	#2 5pm Friday to 9pm Friday	#3 9pm Friday to 1am Saturday
#4 1am Saturday to 5am Saturday	#5 5am Saturday to 9am Saturday	#6 9am Saturday to 1am Saturday

If you are on the first shift (Friday 1p.m.-5p.m.) Motorcycle Rover Meeting starts Friday at 11:45am.

If you start with a later shift, show up 15-20 minutes early for instructions and equipment.

PURPOSE: To provide safety for *each* bicyclist by observing them during the entire event. At night, we will ride *behind*, not in front of as many groups of bicyclists as possible to provide them more light and thus “escort” from Sag to Sag. *If they signal you to pass them, go ahead to the next group.*

Motorcycle Roving Sag RULES:

- (1) We will keep our headlights on LOW BEAM day and night.
- (2) We will observe the posted speed limits and will ride very SLOWLY through Loylton and Vinton.
- (3) Motorcycles need to go ALONE. This will give us better coverage of the course. If you come upon another motorcycle going slow and checking on bicyclists, you “leap frog” around them and go to the next bicycle or group of bicyclists.
- (4) We will send only *quiet bikes* during the night shifts (9pm Friday to 9am Saturday).
- (5) We will stay on our assigned route for the entire 4-hour shift.

PROCEDURES During The Agony:

1. Slow way down and visually check on every bicyclist or group of bicyclists (no matter which direction they are going).

Observe if they are riding safely. See that they have the required equipment: *helmet, gloves, vest, reflector (front, side and rear) and, (at night) headlight and taillight.* They need to ride SINGLE FILE, however, it is okay for them to draft each other [front wheel beside and behind the rear wheel of a riding partner.] It is not okay for them to ride side-by-side (except to pass another bicyclist). Please kindly remind them to abide by the rules.

Watch for problems: heat exhaustion in the daytime and hypothermia at night. If you are concerned about the rider's health and safety, stay with them and find someone to notify the medical person (or the Sag Leader) at the closest Sag Stop. At a serious accident, protect the scene to prevent more accidents. Have someone at the scene (or at a Sag) call 911. Request our EMT's assistance too.

2. If a bicyclist STOPS or signals you to stop; or if they are OFF their bike, YOU STOP to help. Stop
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on the edge of the road BEHIND the bicyclist; get off your bike to help them being careful of road traffic. Help them however you can [usually they need water]. If it is a major problem, relay messages to the next Sag stop or Radio Operator according to their needs (*Sometimes a rider is off their bicycle, but they do not need your help, so they will signal you to keep going.*)

3. Leaving the stationary Sag Stations

Check with the BAG HANDLERS to see if they need you to take a bicyclist's bag with you. At LOYALTON, tell them which Sag you are going to (*Beckwourth or Vinton*).

4. Wear Your Reflective Roving-Sag harness

Be sure the harness is on top of your jacket. When you stop, the harness will identify you to the bicyclists since we are not the only motorcycle riders in the area. Also, the reflective webbing is a safety factor if you get off your bike to help a bicyclist.

5. Special Tasks

(1) A bicyclist may need a special tool or part. (2) At night, we do not allow any bicyclist to ride by him/herself; it is too dangerous, so if you come upon a lone bicyclist, ride behind them to the next sag. (3) You may receive a *special request* from an Agony Official.

6. Safety First

Bicyclists get tired, especially as the event continues. Give them lots of room to maneuver, especially as they enter and leave the Sag Stations. Throughout the event, watch the road for potential hazards so they can be removed or well marked.

7. Twelve Rover Bags

We have six Rover bags for LOYALTON/VINTON and six Rover bags for LOYALTON/BECKWOURTH Please take a Rover Bag with you, they contain several things (a list is on the bag) helpful to the riders. Be sure the water bottle is filled before you start your shift.

Thank you for being on the Roving-Sag Team; thank you for your willingness to be flexible, doing whatever is needed to take care of *all* the bicyclists. By helping them raise funds for Christian Encounter Ministries, you make it possible for young people to get the help they need and deserve.

Jim Parker, Roving Sag Master

Galtians 5:14

*"The entire law is summed up in a single command:
Love your neighbor[each bicyclist] as yourself."*