

AU Reunion Bike Ride -- Becoming a Tradition!

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Since 2003 there have been five bike trips to the Alfred University Reunion:

- In 2003 and 2008 alumni bikers reached Alfred after crossing the Pocono Mountains, starting north of Philadelphia
- In 2010 alumni bikers reached Alfred after crossing the Catskill Mountains on the “Tour de Alfred,” starting near Newburgh
- In 2011 alumni bikers reached Alfred after crossing the Adirondack Mountains, starting in Lake Placid
- In 2012 alumni bikers (“Bikers from Mars”) reached Alfred after crossing the Allegheny Mountains, starting in Mars, PA, a suburb of Pittsburgh. This year's bikers included a majority of alumni from more recent years than the earlier rides.

We have run out of mountain ranges that lead to Alfred! (We are also tired of biking over mountain ranges). So for the 2013 Reunion (June 7-9), we are looking for a bike ride that is more level. What could be more level than a river that is parallel to the Erie Canal?

The bike ride to the 2013 Alfred University reunion will follow the Mohawk River from near Albany to near Geneva, a point convenient for crossing the Finger Lakes to Alfred. The name of the ride will be “**Alums Along the Mohawk**”! Much of the first part of the ride will be along the Mohawk-Hudson Bike Trail. At Geneva we will change our direction to the southwest, across the Finger Lakes region, then to Hornell and finally a victory ride to Alfred.

We invite other alumni to join us! (Early indications are that this year's bike trip will include nearly all the bikers of the rides of 2003, 2008, 2010, 2011 and 2012! That degree of responsiveness is a sure sign that the rides have been a lot of fun. In addition, an alum who has not made any of the earlier trips has already signed up for the 2013 ride!)

Not in peak biking shape? Don't worry. You have several months to get back up to speed. (A lot of it can be done while reading, listening to music or watching TV on an exercise bike in your garage or health club!)

Not a biker? You can still participate! Join us for lunch along the way, or for dinner. Recommend your favorite restaurant and we'll meet you there. We have met many wonderful alums for meals during past bike trips.

The route will be:

Sunday, June 2: Albany to Amsterdam

Monday, June 3: Amsterdam to Utica

Tuesday, June 4: Utica to Weedsport

Wednesday, June 5: Weedsport to Penn Yan

Thursday, June 6: Penn Yan to Hornell (celebratory dinner in Hornell)

Friday, June 7: Victory Ride to Alfred University

If you are interested in joining us, contact Roger Eiss (rogereiss@comcast.net) for more information.