What does ‘Off the Beaten Path’ refer to?

Off the Beaten Path means that we are replacing the traditional Ride for Food one-day event with a ‘go on your own pace’ doing the activity of your choice on whichever day you like.

What activities qualify for the Ride for Food - Off the Beaten Path fundraiser?

Three Squares New England encourages all participants to choose an activity that feels safe and is enjoyable. Traditionally, the Ride for Food has taken place on a given Sunday in the fall; however, due to the pandemic and the desire to open up fundraising to as many people as possible, the organizers are allowing our fundraisers to choose how they want to participate. Be creative and enjoy yourself! And to solicit others to join, we would be honored if you took a selfie and shared it on your fundraising page and on social, tagging #TheRideforFoodOfftheBeatenPath. :)

When do I need to complete my activity?

How do I qualify for the Ride for Food cycling jersey or other swag? Answers still TBD
You choose your activity and complete it anytime between the date you registered and the day we close fundraising, which is October 4th. We encourage you to take a selfie or a short video (if safe to do so) and share it to your page and with your friends #RideforFoodOfftheBeatenPath

Can I track or share my progress with my team?

Community Club on Strava.com - The organizers Three Squares New England created a Club on Strava.com called “Ride for Food - Off the Beaten Path”. Once you create an account on www.strava.com, search for the Club name. We will then ‘accept’ your request and you will be able to share your rides, runs and/or swims and track your progress against other Club members. This is not a race - but an opportunity to stay connected while fundraising independently.

What is the deadline to reach my fundraising commitment and what happens if I do not reach my commitment?

You have until October 4 2020 to raise funds.

Because of the current health crisis, we have eliminated fundraising minimums. Neither you nor your team will get penalized if you do not reach your personal goal. This said, please keep in mind that the hunger relief organization for which you are fundraising needs your support.

Is there a registration fee and what does it cover?

Three Squares New England has lowered the registration fee from $75 to $25 for this year’s event in consideration of the current pandemic. The registration fees help offset the expenses associated with organizing this type of online fundraising event, including fundraising fees and operational needs. Three Squares New England is determined to return 100% of all participant-raised funds back to the hunger relief organization. Folks who choose to cycle, spin, run or walk and raise funds for the organizers, Three Squares New England, help fund the event and the year-long costs associated with supporting 25 hunger-relief organizations.

Can I register multiple participants at once?

Yes, and it is easy. During the registration process you can add multiple registrations to your cart. You will need contact information, birth dates, and emergency contact information for each Participant. Each registration will have his/her own fundraising page. Please note - there will be one transaction for the total of all registration fees in your cart.

How can I, as a team captain, find emails of my team members?

Team captains have access to the emails of their team members. It takes a few steps, however. The team captain must login and click on MANAGE in the top right hand corner of the team page. He/she will
see the tab Teammates, click on teammates, and hit the check box beside the "search teammates" field. All email addresses will be copied and the team captain can then paste them directly into his/her email (see image below).

How can I thank my donors? Directly from Classy and/or via email?

*From Classy:* When donors submit donations to your fundraising page, they’ll be asked to enter their email. Thank you messages and comments are sent to the email they enter.

*Access to Emails:* To view donors' email addresses, go to the tab Donors and select **Thank Your Donors**

Then, select the **View Donors** button. From there, you can copy the email addresses you need.
What is the age limit of the participant?

Participants who are 18 can create his or her own registration page. If the participant is between the age of 14 and 18, then the participant and the participant’s parent or legal guardian will must join the Event and sign the waiver.

How do I create a team? Can I donate these funds to a hunger-relief organization of my choosing?

When you register, you have the option of registering as an individual, creating a new team or joining an existing team. You will choose to raise funds from one of the participating hunger relief organizations that Three Squares New England has approved. Please also remember that there are no fundraising minimums imposed this year; however, we encourage you to do your best to hit your personal or team goal.

- **Registering as an individual** – Choose the “As an individual” option, raise money for one of the participating organizations and feel proud that you are helping fight hunger to people in your community
- **Creating a team** – Choose “Create a Team” option and name your team. Once you create a team, it will be added automatically to the drop-down menu, so other people can register and join your team.
- **Joining an existing team** – Choose “Join a Team” and select from one of the drop-down teams listed.
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Any individual who hits $1250 qualifies to receive a unique Ride for Food cycling jersey. Three Squares New England is still determining other levels of incentives and swag for hitting certain fundraising goals. This question will be updated shortly.