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## **Boise GreenBike Sponsors Cranksgiving bike ride to collect Thanksgiving food items for families in need**

Boise GreenBike is the proud sponsor of Cranksgiving, a Thanksgiving alley cat scavenger hunt and biking event taking place Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Teams of three to four participants will use Boise GreenBikes to gather a list of items to fill Thanksgiving dinner boxes. The food items will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul, which will distribute them to families in need.

The ride begins at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 19th. Participating teams will meet at Boise City Hall Plaza, where they will be handed a manifest they must complete before heading to the after Cranksgiving party at Payette Brewing, 6733 S. Pioneer St. in Boise. Each team of riders will collect enough food to fill one box - enough for one family's Thanksgiving dinner. In lieu of an entry fee, organizers are asking each rider to bring \$10-\$15 to purchase the Thanksgiving food items. Riders will also be asked to perform a few other fun tasks in order to complete the ride. Prizes will be awarded to the fastest team with a completed list and the team with the biggest turkey among other categories.

Registration is free but participation is limited to the number of bikes on hand, so early registration is encouraged. Go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cranksgiving-2016-tickets-28565549327>. Registration includes 75 minutes of free ride time in the Boise GreenBike system. Organizers strongly recommend that participants bring a backpack to help carry the food items, which will include a frozen turkey, a bag of potatoes and canned goods.

Every fall the Society of St. Vincent de Paul works with community groups to insure that families in need can enjoy a complete Thanksgiving dinner. Last year more than 2,200 food baskets were distributed to families in need in Ada County. Cranksgiving hopes to tap into the generosity of the biking community during the holiday season.

For more information, please visit the event Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1001174333341836/>

