



World's Longest Running Point-to-Point Skate Event

38 miles • 52 miles • 87 miles



29th Annual

Athens-to-Atlanta Road Skate

Date: Sunday, October 3rd, 2010

Start Location: The Classic Center in downtown Athens, GA

K2 is our Presenting Sponsor for 2010!

We are delighted to announce that K2 is our Presenting Sponsor for the 2010 season. K2's high level of support will allow us to go forward in our current very challenging economic climate. Please show your support by visiting www.k2skates.com.

New Charitable Cause: Whittemore Peterson Institute

We would like to introduce our new charitable cause for 2010, the Whittemore Peterson Institute. The Whittemore Peterson Institute is dedicated to research, advanced treatment, and physician education for neuro-immune diseases including Fibromyalgia, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, Autism, Gulf War Syndrome, and other related conditions. For more information, please visit wpinstitute.org.

What is the Athens to Atlanta Event?

Athens-to-Atlanta is the oldest and most famous road skate in America. Starting in Athens, Georgia, participants skate through beautiful country roads and quiet suburbia before navigating city streets and triumphantly crossing the 87 mile finish line in Atlanta's Piedmont Park.

The course is challenging and requires experienced skating ability, courage, and stamina. Skaters who may not be ready for the whole 87 miles may opt for the 38 mile event, which also starts in Athens, or the 52 mile event, which starts near Dacula, GA. Both four and five wheeled skates are welcome and anyone from 8 to 80 years old may enter.

What is it Like?

A famous American tradition, Athens-to-Atlanta combines the beauty of northern Georgia, the friendliness of the skating

community, and the rigors of distance skating. It is more than a road skate; it's the defining outdoor skating event in America.

Whether you elect the 38, 52, or 87 mile and skate on four or five wheels, the Event allows you to skate for time, for the challenge of finishing, or for the friendship of spending the day with people from all over the world.

The 52 mile (double marathon distance) skaters will watch the 87 and 38 mile skaters start in Athens at 7:30 AM, then board a bus to their starting line near Dacula, GA. Start time for the 52 mile event is 10:00 AM. The course loops around a quiet industrial park near Dacula, then joins the 87 mile course just after checkpoint 3.

The A2A course is highlighted by the transition from rural Georgia to quiet suburbs. The famous downhill at Silver Hill, where skaters can hit speeds above 45 mph, precedes checkpoint 5 at approximately 70 miles. Urban skating dominates the rest of the way as skaters pass through Atlanta's "Little Five Points" and "Virginia Highlands" on their way to the finish line in Piedmont Park.

Three Distance Options Available: 87, 52, or 38 miles

With Athens-to-Atlanta, you have three distance options. The 38 mile event starts in Athens and ends in the rural town of Dacula, GA, or you can choose to skate the full 87 mile route, which ends in festive Piedmont Park in Atlanta. The 52 mile event starts near Dacula and ends in Piedmont Park.

For More Information

An information packet detailing the Event, the course, activities, etc. will be made available to each registrant in Athens at the packet pickup. E-mail us with any remaining questions at webmaster@a2a.net. Alternatively, pick up the phone and call us at +1 (404) 806-7251 or visit us on the Internet at www.a2a.net.

2010 Athens-to-Atlanta Schedule

Friday, October 1st: Baggage Truck will be parked at Skate Escape (12th and Piedmont Road) from Noon until 9 PM.

Friday Night Skate: Meet at Skate Escape (12th and Piedmont Road) at 6:30 PM for a recreational skate. Helmets and wrist protection required. Return to Skate Escape at 9 PM.

Friday Night Bus to Athens: Leaves Skate Escape (12th and Piedmont Road) at 9 PM after the Friday Night Skate. If you are late, you miss the bus. Reservations are required. Cost: \$20.00

Saturday, October 2nd: Packet Pick Up for events starting in Athens/Dacula and Late Registration. At the Classic Center in Athens, lower level, (corner of Thomas and Washington Streets on the East end of town) from noon to 6 PM and 7 to 9 PM.

Mandatory Skaters & Drivers meeting for events starting in Athens/Dacula: Meet at the Classic Center at 6 PM. Last minute route changes may be announced. Must be present to win door prizes.

Sunday, October 3rd: The 87 and 38 mile skates start at 7:30 AM SHARP in front of the Classic Center. Do NOT arrive at 7:31 – we are already gone! The 52 mile skaters will board a bus to their start line near Dacula which where they will start at 10 AM. In Atlanta's Piedmont Park, the 10K will start at 10:00 AM.

The Baggage Truck will be at the Classic Center from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, and at the 52 mile start from 9 to 10 AM. Bags will be taken to the 38 mile finish area. Any bag not marked for the 38 mile finish will be taken to Piedmont Park. Bags not claimed in Dacula will be taken to Piedmont Park. Any bags still not claimed by 5:00 PM will be at the Awards area from 5:00 to 8:00 PM.

Checkpoints will have water and fruit. If you have a special food you want at the different checkpoints, checkpoint boxes will be in front of the Classic Center until 7:30 AM. Place your food items in a bag with your name and place it in the box marked with the checkpoint number where you want your bag to be. Checkpoints 1 and 2 are on the first half, checkpoint 3 is at the half distance, checkpoints 4, 5 and 6 are on the second half. You must retrieve your own items at the checkpoints. Volunteers do not have time to do this.

Finish Line in Dacula: Skaters begin to arrive at 9 AM. Bus rides from Dacula to Athens or to Atlanta cost \$10.00.

Finish Line in Atlanta: Skaters begin to arrive at 11:45 AM. Finish mugs are available at this point.

Awards Ceremony in Atlanta: 6:00 to 7:30 PM - location to be announced. Special awards for the 1st Place men and women in the 87, 52, and 38-mile distances. Awards at least three deep by age division, men and women, for each distance.

Very Important Information

All skaters must wear the number assigned to them. If your number is not displayed, you may be asked to leave the course. Support vehicles must follow the driving directions in your packet and not drive on the course.

- All skaters must carry personal identification with them during all skate events.
- Helmets and wrist protection are required.
- **No** poles, roller-skis, motor-assistance, bicycles, or pets.
- Back brakes are strongly recommended. You must be able to stop at stop signs and red lights.
- Police monitor most major intersections the entire route – this **does not mean** that they will stop traffic for you.

Private Vehicles are not allowed on the Athens-to-Atlanta route, so please do not ask. Maps and directions for alternate routes, which intersect the skate route at frequent intervals, will be available so drivers may meet their skaters along the route. Drivers must obey all laws. Authorities will ticket drivers for traffic violations.

Temperatures are usually in the low 50s at the start and rise to the lower 70s. Extremes have ranged from the mid 20s to the upper 80s. We skate RAIN or SHINE. The www.a2a.net web site has a link to the National Weather Service forecast for our area.

Volunteers are greatly appreciated! Families and friends - we can use your help on Sunday at our checkpoints. To volunteer, please call (404) 806-7251, e-mail us at: webmaster@a2a.net, or check in with us on Saturday.

Travel and Accommodations

Getting to Friday Night Skate: Take MARTA to Midtown Station. The North/South line runs from the Airport to Midtown. Skate Escape is 4 blocks east and 3 blocks north (corner of 12th and Piedmont Road).

Getting to Athens

Friday Night Bus after the Social Skate, from Skate Escape (12th St. and Piedmont Road) - Cost: \$20.00

Greyhound Bus: 232 Forsyth St. or at the Garnett MARTA Rail Stop North/South Line. Buses leave Atlanta at 11:45 AM or 6:45 PM. Times subject to change. Reservations suggested - (800) 231-2222.

AAA Airport Express: Airport to Athens and back. Schedules can be found at www.aaaairportexpress.com. Reservations required – (404)767-2000.

Sunday Morning A2A Bus to Athens: Meet at Skate Escape - departs at 5:00 AM. Reservations required. Cost: \$20.00

Sunday Night A2A Bus to Athens after Awards Ceremony: departs at 7:30 PM. Reservations required. Cost: \$20.00

Taxis: Atlanta: Checker Cab: (404) 351-1111
Athens: Your Cab Co: (706) 546-5844

Hotels Athens (Downtown)

Holiday Inn Express	513 W. Broad St.	(706)546-8122
Holiday Inn	Broad and Hull Sts	(706)549-4433
Hilton Garden Inn	390 E. Washington St.	(706)354-6431
Days Inn	230 N. Finley St.	(706)543-6511
Foundry Park Inn & Spa	295 Dougherty St.	(706)549-7020
Courtyard	166 N. Finley St.	(706)369-7000
Best Western	170 N. Milledge Ave.	(706)546-7311
Hampton Inn	2220 W. Broad St.	(706)548-9600
Classic Inn	230 Finley St.	(706)543-6511
Travelodge-Downtown	898 W. Broad St.	(706)549-5400

Hotels Athens (Outer)

Bulldog Inn	(706)543-3611
Howard Johnson	(706)548-1111
Comfort Inn	(706)227-9700
Microtel Inn	(706)548-5676
Comfort Suites	(706)995-4000
Downtowner	(706)549-2626
Perimeter Inn	(706)548-3000
Econo Lodge	(706)549-1530
Scottish Inn	(706)546-8161
Super Eight	(706)549-0251
Suburban Lodge	(706)208-8812

For updated info on hotels in Athens, contact www.visitathensga.com or (800)653-0603.

Hotels in Atlanta

Marriott Midtown	14th Street	(404)876-8888
Cheshire Motor Inn	1865 Cheshire Bridge Rd	(404)872-9628
Days Inn	I-85 at Clairmont Road	(404)633-8411
Fairfield Inn Downtown	175 Piedmont Avenue	(800)228-2800
Fairfield Inn Midtown	1470 Spring St	(800)228-2800
Hampton Inn Midtown	14th and Spring St	(800)426-7866
Hampton Inn	1975 Druid Hills Road	(800)426-7800
Quality Inn Midtown	870 Peachtree St	(404)875-5511
Wyndham Hotel Midtown	125 10th St	(404)873-4800
Hotel Indigo Atlanta	683 Peachtree St	(404)874-9200



OFFICIAL 2010 ATHENS-TO-ATLANTA ENTRY FORM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2010

(Official Use Only)

Entry fee in the form of a check or money order should be made payable to **GIRSA, Inc.** Please mail completed form and fee to:

Athens-to-Atlanta
GIRSA, Inc.
P.O. Box 8155
Atlanta, GA 31106 (U.S.A.)

You can also register online at: www.active.com, search for "A2A". For more information, please visit www.a2a.net or call +1 (404) 806-7251

Mail in applications must be postmarked by Friday, September 24, 2010. Late registration will be held at the Classic Center (Athens, GA) on Saturday, October 2nd, noon to 8:00 PM.

No refunds after Friday, August 6, 2010.

Place 'X' in the correct box for all 3 boxes:

38 mile	52 mile	87 mile	Male	Female	Rec/Fit Skates	Speed Skates	

Entry fee	38 Mi	52 Mi	87 Mi
Until April 15, 2010	\$50	\$50	\$50
Apr 16 – Apr 30, 2010	\$60	\$60	\$60
May 1 – June 7, 2010	\$60	\$70	\$75
June 8 – Aug 30, 2010	\$75	\$85	\$90
Aug 31 – Oct 2, 2010	\$85	\$95	\$100

Entry Fee: \$ _____
 Donation to Whittemore Peterson Institute (wpinstitute.org) \$ _____
 Donation to A2A \$ _____
 Bus Service to Athens (US \$20)
 Friday night bus \$ _____
 Sunday AM bus \$ _____
 Sunday night bus \$ _____
 Bus from 38 Finish (US \$10)
 To Atlanta \$ _____
 To Athens \$ _____
Total: (US \$) \$ _____

US \$20 fee for returned checks. US \$10 fee for refunds.

Last Name: _____
First Name: _____ **Middle Initial:** _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip/Postal Code:** _____
Country: _____ **Home Phone:** _____ **Work Phone:** _____
T-Shirt Size (S/M/L/XL/XXL): _____ **Date of Birth:** _____ **Age on 10/3/2010:** _____
Age Category: 12 & Under 13-17 18-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70+
Club or Team Affiliation: _____ **Email:** _____

I need free bus transportation from Athens to the 52 mile start.

In case of emergency contact:

Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

WAIVER and RELEASE

I know that skating on open roads is a potentially hazardous activity. I know there will be traffic on the course route. I assume the risk of skating in traffic. I should not enter unless I am medically able and properly trained. I assume any and all risks associated with skating in this event including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, contact with vehicles, the effects of weather, including high heat and/or humidity, and the conditions on the roads, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Knowing these facts, and in consideration of your acceptance of my entry fee, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue, waive, release and discharge the "Athens-to-Atlanta Road Skating Marathon", the "Atlanta Peachtree Road Rollers", the "Georgia International Road Skating Associations", organizers, and any organization associated with the event, and the local government and police, volunteers, and any and all sponsors including their agents, employees, assigns, or anyone acting on their behalf, from any and all claims or liability for death, personal injury or property damage of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of, or, in the course of my participation in this real event. This Waiver and Release extends to all claims of every kind or nature whatsoever, foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown. I understand that I must complete the 87 mile event within a 9 hour period, or the 52 mile event within a 7 hour period, or the 38 mile event within a 5 hour period, in order to receive support. I understand that I am required to wear a properly fastened helmet that meets all US CPSC bicycle or recreational roller skating helmet standards, to carry personal identification, and to obey the State of Georgia bicycle laws while skating in this event. I understand that I may be filmed or taped as part of the event and that my image, likeness, and voice may be broadcast, displayed, shown, projected, reproduced, or otherwise used by third parties. I authorize this filming, taping, and other use and understand that I have no right or interest in the resulting footage or in any program or other display utilizing such footage in any media whatsoever.

Signature of Participant _____ Date _____ Signature of Parent or Guardian (if participant is under 18) _____ Date _____



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Be there for the fun-filled Friday Night Skate, the Saturday Expo in Athens, and the main event – our world famous distance skate on Sunday! Our 87, 52, & 37 mile distance options are available.

Skate for time, skate to beat your old time, or skate for the challenge of completing the event with people from all over the world.



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