



# Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay Information Sheet

• **Purpose** - The Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay is designed to inspire and unify Hoosiers as one of the signature events of the 2016 Bicentennial celebration. Hoosiers will also symbolically “pass the torch” connecting generations to IGNITE our future.

• **Event Dates**

- The Torch Relay will start in Corydon (Harrison County) on September 9, 2016.
- The final leg of the Torch Relay will be in Indianapolis (Marion County) on October 15, 2016.

• **Distance** - Patterned after the Olympic Torch Relay, Indiana’s version will pass through all 92 of the state’s counties, cover 2,300 miles over a five week period, averaging 72 miles per day.

• **Special Events**

- County Celebrations - Festivities will vary from town to town, as communities celebrate the torch in their own special way.
- The relay will culminate in Indianapolis on the Statehouse Grounds, with a special welcome ceremony and celebration on October 15, 2016.

• **Indiana Mobile Experience** - A specialized mobile visitors center will be created to accompany the torch on its journey. This mobile experience will highlight Hoosier pride of the past, present and future of Indiana . A complete schedule will be available after the first of the year.

• **Opportunities for Hoosiers** – Be a torchbearer. The torch will be primarily transported by people, passing the flame from torch bearer to torch bearer.

- Torchbearers must all be nominated and be current or past residents of the county they are being nominated to represent.
- The Torchbearer nomination forms were accepted until January 31, 2016.

• **Transporting the Torch** - The relay will employ modes of conveyance that are symbolic of the history and heritage of Indiana, including watercraft, farm equipment, a racecar, horse and wagon, antique automobile, and others.

• **Social Media** – Stay up to date on the Torch Relay by following us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

- Facebook – [www.facebook.com/INTorchRelay](http://www.facebook.com/INTorchRelay)
- Twitter & Instagram - @INTorchRelay

• **Contact Information** – Please contact Noelle Szydlyk, State Director of the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay with any questions – [nszydlyk@visitindiana.com](mailto:nszydlyk@visitindiana.com) or 317-232-0600.

