



Indiana Bicentennial
TORCH RELAY

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- **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 3,200 miles over a five week period, averaging 97 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 history 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 – Nominations were accepted until January 31 and final selections are currently being made by each county. An official list of Torchbearers will be available in early June.
 - **Volunteer** – Counties are currently looking for local citizens to assist as volunteers during the relay and for other Bicentennial events. Sign up to volunteer by using the link <https://2016bicentorchvolinterest.my-trs.com/>
- **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
 - Facebook – 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 or 317-232-0600.



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