

Bike-A-Thon, Volunteer Night, and youth programs registrations are open!

Fri, May 28, 2021

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34th Annual Bike-A-Thon



#BAT2021 **34th ANNUAL BIKE-A-THON**
A bike ride for social change

Sunday
Sep. 12th, 2021
Rain Date, September 26th

BIKES NOT BOMBS 

Registration is free through June 30th!

Join us for Bikes Not Bombs' 34th annual [Bike-A-Thon](#) on Sunday, September 12, 2021! Our annual ride for social change is incredibly fun and, with your help, deeply impacts people living in Boston and communities across the Global South.

We are thrilled to announce that this year's in-person ride includes six scenic routes: 10 mile, 30 mile, 50 mile, or 100 mile road routes, AND our new short and long mixed-terrain routes! Each route will be fully supported with rest stops, food, and route markings.

REGISTRATION IS FREE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021 WITH PROMO CODE: *FREEBAT2021*

Training Challenge #1: [Hello, Summer \(ZOOM on Your Bike\)!](#) **June 5th - June 13th, 2021**

This summer, we are hosting a series of **three training challenges** that will lead up to the in-person Bike-A-Thon. We are excited to announce that *our first challenge will take place from June 5th to June 13th!* For any biking enthusiast, this virtual ride challenge can serve as both a training opportunity and as a way to get a head start on fundraising.

How to participate:

- At your own convenience, complete a bike ride between the dates of June 5th to June 13th. Consider tracking it on [Strava](#) and joining the Bikes Not Bombs club!
- Describe your experience using a combination of words and pictures! For this challenge, awards will be given for:
 - The best mid-ride snack

- o The most inspiring ride recap
- o The best landscape photo
- o The most inspiring team practice ride
- Tag your public post on social media using the hashtag #BAT2021, or email your submission to Gary Chin at gary@bikesnotbombs.org. Our social media handle is @bikesnotbombs.

We hope you consider participating in June's training challenge and fundraising, and we look forward to reviewing your awesome, creative, and inspiring submissions! **Winners will receive a BNB branded tote bag, water bottle, and sticker pack!**

Volunteering:

If riding is not for you, we have over 100 opportunities to **volunteer** at the event!

Event Sponsorship:

Check out our six unique **event sponsorship opportunities** and earn benefits for your support! In-kind support and monetary contributions are appreciated, and help to make the Bike-A-Thon experience enjoyable for everyone.

Questions?

Please check out our **frequently asked questions (FAQ)** page for more information about the Bike-A-Thon. Contact Angela Phinney, Director of Development at angela@bikesnotbombs.org or Gary Chin, Community Engagement & Events Officer at gary@bikesnotbombs.org if you have any additional questions.

Volunteer Night: Wednesday evenings!

****Read below for important changes****



We have mountains of bikes waiting for you... so bring some clothes you don't mind getting dirty and let's get to work!

[Volunteer Night](#) will start on June 9th, 2021. The program will run from 6:00-9:00 PM on Wednesday evenings.

Work may include the following common tasks:

- "Flattening" bikes -- turning the handle bars sideways and the pedals inside-out so that the bikes fit easily into a shipping container to send overseas in our [international programs](#).
- "Stripping" bikes -- taking all the parts off of a frame (needs to be done for bikes that have some broken pieces).
- Sorting parts
- Building up bikes
- General cleaning, housekeeping, and other tasks!

Pre-registration is required. Spots are guaranteed for up to 20 registrants. Check out the [Volunteer Opportunities](#) section of our website for more information.

Programs Update

Accepting applications for Summer 2021 Bike School



Executive Director, Elijah Evans teaching Spring 2021 Sisters In Action

We are now accepting applications for Summer 2021 Bike School programs:

Bike Institute will run from July 10th to August 14th, held on Saturdays from 1-4 PM.

For youth (15+) and adults who are looking to:
Acquire bike mechanics skills while earning a bike

- Learn about bike safety, proper helmet and bike fitting
- Gain experience from working with our Youth Programs, our Bike Shop, or recycling and international shipping efforts
- Serve as a [Volunteer Bike School Apprentice](#)

On-The-Bike will run from July 27 through August 12, held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 PM.

For youth aged 12-18 who are looking to:

- Complete daily bike rides, gradually increasing in distance
- Learn about bike safety, proper helmet and bike fitting
- Learn bike riding and commuting skills
- Learn and execute basic bike maintenance tasks such as flat fixing, adjust wheels, brakes, and gears
- Understand basic social justice values, systems, political education and awareness

Bike Shop

BNB Flea and New Products



Visit Bikes Not Bombs every Saturday this spring and summer to browse our selection of recycled, and used bicycles, parts, accessories, apparel, and more.



The [Arundel Looney Bin](#) will hold anything from a convenience store bottle of H2O to a nice bottle of Pinot Noir. This is the perfect cage for a commuter rig or the Mixte for that spring picnic.



[Tifosi Eyewear](#) is now available! Check out the latest styles at our shop!

Appointments are not necessary to schedule service. For specific inquiries or questions about turnaround time, feel free to call the service number at 617-522-0222.

Financing is available through our online shop on purchases over \$50.

Donor of the Month: Alan Wright



Alan Wright with his fully loaded touring rig, over 90 lbs. of bike and gear!

On the morning of Saturday, May 22nd, 2021, longtime Bikes Not Bombs advocate and donor, Alan Wright, set off from Boston on a cross-country bike ride to raise awareness of the need to address climate change. Alan will ride his bike to Portland, Oregon and end his trip with a dip in the Pacific Ocean (estimated arrival in July).

“This has been a dream since I was a teenager that retirement and good health have made possible,” says Alan. Follow along with Alan’s journey on Twitter ([@AlanBikeClimate](https://twitter.com/AlanBikeClimate)) for accounts of his travels, conversations with people, and observations about climate change. Alan will raise funds and donate a portion of the proceeds from his trip to Bikes Not Bombs.

Welcoming Peter Cheung to our Board of Directors!



Peter Cheung, Board Member

Peter was born and raised on the tropical island of Aruba. He has lived in Boston since the age of 16, and he is a longtime resident of Jamaica Plain. His extensive knowledge of the streets and alleys in the city has helped him plan and lead many group bike rides in Boston. He is often recognized for his lime green cycling gear. Peter also builds and installs ghost bikes in the Boston area to honor those who have lost their lives while bicycling. By day, Peter is the Senior Video Production Specialist at Thermo Fisher Scientific. Peter’s multicultural upbringing has helped him communicate with a wide range of people; he speaks five languages: English, Spanish, Dutch, Chinese and Papiamentu - the official language of Aruba.

Welcoming JR and Zoe to our shop staff!

JR started making go-karts when he was a young child, around 10 years old. He became interested in bicycles and started repairing them at Broadway Bicycle School in Cambridge. JR worked alongside Bikes Not Bombs founder Carl Kurz and former executive director, Mira Brown. He has over 30 years of experience working with bicycles, most recently working at Ace Wheelworks and Ferris Wheels.



Growing up in the Pacific Northwest, Zoe has loved bikes from a young age. They never really thought about fixing bikes until they had a wrench in their hand, building bikes for people trying to get outside during the pandemic. There was no turning back after that. You can find them milling about in JP, watching anime or making cookies.



Zoe Hill, Mechanic

We're Hiring!

Full-time and part-time positions available



We are looking to fill two positions:

- **Mechanic** - part time/potential full-time opportunity available
- **Training & Refurbishing Specialist** - full time, 40 hrs/week

We are also recruiting Youth Apprentices for summer 2021. These are paid positions. If you are interested or would like to refer a youth candidate (15-18 years old), please fill and submit the [eligibility form](#).

Bike of the Month Ibis Touche (tandem)



This Ibis Touche tandem (size 58/52) is our Bike of the Month. Check in with our bike shop (617-522-0222) to make an offer or schedule a viewing!

**Donate to Bikes Not Bombs
for continued success in 2021!**

Connect with us:



Our Contact Information

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Bike Shop & Training Center Hours:

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 12pm - 7pm
Wednesday: 12pm - 7pm
Thursday: 12pm - 7pm
Friday: 12pm - 7pm
Saturday: 11am - 5pm
Sunday: Closed