

Spoke & Word, July 2023: Join Our Summer Events!

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BIKES NOT BOMBS

July 2023

Youth Apprentices in Action Summer 2023

This summer, we welcomed 23 Youth Apprentices to Bikes Not Bombs! These apprentices have taught Bike School classes, engaged in community organizing and civic education through our Bicyclists Organizing for Community Action (BOCA) program, and completed repair and refurbishment projects through our full service, retail bike shop.



“One thing I like about BNB is that you get to have a lot of fun and it’s a place where you don’t have to be ashamed of anything. Everyone here is really respectful.” - Howie, Youth Apprentice

“Bike School is an experience for sure because you come across all different types of people. I made new friends and I built relationships that can last me outside of this job even if I stop working here. Everyone is super helpful, the managers and the people that have been here before me.” - Valentin, Youth Apprentice



"Coming to Bikes Not Bombs, you are welcomed with open arms. While working here you may encounter some struggles with developing new skills, whether that's mechanics or even advertising, but there will always be someone willing to help you grow." - Mya, Youth Apprentice

Last Chance for 50% Off Bike-A-Thon Registration!

36th Annual
BIKE-A-THON
A bike ride for social change
BIKES NOT BOMBS

Sunday
Sept. 10th, 2023

Choose from 10, 35, 50, 63, or 105
mile supported routes!

Visit **BIKESNOTBOMBS.ORG**
for more information

[Registration](#) for the 36th Annual Bike-A-Thon is 50% off through July 31st using the promo code [HALFBAT2023](#). We look forward to riding with you this September!

For more information about the event, please visit our [Bike-A-Thon website](#).

Upcoming Events - July and August 2023

Unity in Community bike rides

Riding the Black Heritage Trail: Saturday,
July 29th, 11:00 AM

Location: Bikes Not Bombs (284 Amory St,
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130)

Bike-A-Thon (+ training rides)

Ride distance: 8-10 miles

**United in Pride: Saturday, August 12th,
11:00 AM**

Location: Bikes Not Bombs ([284 Amory St, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130](#))

Ride distance: 11.5 miles (view [official route](#))



**35 Mile Bike-A-Thon Training Ride:
Saturday, July 29th, 8:00 AM**

**62 Mile Bike-A-Thon Training Ride: Sunday,
August 13th, 8:00 AM**

Bike-A-Thon - Sunday, September 10th

Chain Reaction (mobile bike repair)

Mattapan Farmers Market

Saturday, July 29th, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Saturday, August 12th, 10:00 - 1:00 PM
Saturday, August 26th, 10:00 - 1:00 PM

Dorchester Food Co-op

Wednesday, August 2nd, 3:00 - 6:30 PM
Wednesday, August 16th, 3:00 - 6:30 PM

Egleston Farmers Market (Jamaica Plain)

Saturday, August 5th, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Saturday, August 19th, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

East Boston Farmers Market

Wednesday, August 9th, 3:00 - 6:30 PM
Wednesday, August 23rd, 3:00 - 6:30 PM

**Women on Wheels
BIPOC Summer Bash**

Location: Carson Beach ([180 Mt Vernon St, Dorchester, MA 02125](#))

RSVP Required

Women on Wheels Boston, along with Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Better Beaches Program, are bringing a full day of fun and wellness for the BIPOC community with a Summer Beach Bash in Dorchester. Join Women on Wheels for a co-ed 15-mile bike ride followed by a beach party!

Events Calendar

Click [here](#) to visit our events calendar for details of each event.

**Applications Open:
Apply to Fall 2023 Bike School**



Applications for [Fall 2023 Bike School](#) are now open! Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and applications will officially close on September 15th, 2023.

If you are interested in learning about the anatomy of the bicycle, developing bike mechanic skills, and even getting to take a bike home with you, Bikes Not Bombs is offering multiple Bike School programs this upcoming fall, including Bike Institute and Sisters In Action.

We offer programs tailored towards adults and teenagers who have little to no previous experience working on bicycles. Over the course of multiple months, you will leave our program with a greater understanding of the bicycle, how it can be used as a vehicle for social change, and how you fit in with the Greater Boston bike community.

You can find the dates, times, applications, and more information for Bike Institute and Sisters In Action [here](#). Programs are available in both our Jamaica Plain and Roxbury locations. If you have any questions, please contact our Senior Bike School Manager Phil Gay (phil@bikesnotbombs.org).

Latest from the Bike Shop



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Did you know? The Bikes Not Bombs Bike Shop is on Instagram! Follow [@shop.bikesnotbombs](#) to see our latest builds and be the first to hear about upcoming sales and promotions!

Come shop our **extensive collection of refurbished bikes, which are on sale (10% off) throughout the month of August!** With a BNB refurb, you not only get to roll away on a great bike, but you can [receive discounts on all your accessories purchases for an entire year.](#)



Click here to read the latest article in our [bike shop blog](#), which walks you through the process of finding a bike that will work for your body, purpose, and budget!

Thank You to the Barr Foundation



We are thrilled to announce the [Barr Foundation](#) has awarded Bikes Not Bombs (BNB) a \$900,000, 24-month grant in support of increasing access to bike shop services and transportation-related community engagement in Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury. With this generous funding, BNB will support residents living in communities that have historically been denied essential resources to use bicycles as a low-carbon mode of transportation and to be more engaged in conversations about streets in their communities.

The Barr Foundation's mission is to invest in human, natural, and creative potential, serving as thoughtful stewards and catalysts. Based in Boston, Barr focuses regionally, and selectively engages nationally, working in partnership with nonprofits, foundations, the public sector, and civic and business leaders to elevate the arts, advance solutions for climate change, and connect all students to success in high school and beyond. For more information, visit [barrfoundation.org](#) and @BarrFdn on LinkedIn. We're thankful to the Barr Foundation for supporting our mission of using the bicycle as a vehicle for social change to achieve economic mobility for Black and other marginalized people in Boston and the Global South.

BNB is Hiring!



Do you or someone you know have a passion for social justice, youth development, and bicycles? Lucky for you, Bikes Not Bombs is hiring!

Research suggests that qualified women and Black, Indigenous and people of color may self-select out of opportunities if they don't meet 100% of the job requirements. We encourage individuals who believe they have the skills necessary to thrive at Bikes Not Bombs to apply.

Positions are listed below.

[Bike School Program Manager at Department of Youth Services](#)

The Bike School Program Manager at Department of Youth Services leads the Skill Up program at the Metro Region Department of Youth Services facility in Roslindale, MA. In this role, you will implement our Bike School curriculum to youth who are involved in the juvenile justice system. In partnership with the Department of Youth Services (DYS), Bikes Not Bombs' goal is to provide rehabilitative services to youth through Bike School.

40 hours/week
\$21.63 - \$26.44 hourly

[Bike School Program Manager at Roxbury Hub](#)

The Bike School Program Manager at Roxbury Hub leads the Healthy Living program at the Roxbury Hub through our partnership with Children's Services of Roxbury. In this role, you will be implementing our Bike School curriculum and a curriculum grounded in building emotional intelligence.

40 hours/week
\$21.63 - \$26.44 hourly

[Bike School Mechanic Instructor](#)

The Bike School Mechanic Instructor assists with our bike education and training programs that engage BIPOC youth in Boston. Primary duties include supporting our Bike School, Bike Match, and Tool Time programs in Roxbury, completing repairs and rebuilds (refurbishing donated bicycles for distribution), setting clear performance standards and providing training for how staff and volunteers work on bicycles. The Bike School Mechanic Instructor at the Roxbury Hub reports to the Bike School Program Manager at the Roxbury Hub, and is a member of the Community Engagement team. The Mechanic Instructor may also support the BNB bike shop as needed.

40 hours/week
\$19.23 - \$24.04 hourly

Please consider applying or help spread the word!

[View Open Positions at Bikes Not Bombs](#)

Join the Bikes Not Bombs Advisory Board



Bikes Not Bombs is seeking candidates to serve as board advisors. The advisory board provides guidance to the organization, participating in strategic planning and fundraising, and other responsibilities.

We are **currently recruiting folks who possess knowledge or expertise in the following areas: human resources, finance, fundraising, nonprofit leadership, management, and racial equity.** We know that there are many more skills that aren't on this list, but these areas are critical for developing an effective board of directors.

Racial equity is central to the mission of BNB and is highlighted in our 2025 Strategic Plan. We seek to more fully represent our community and constituencies, particularly Black and other marginalized people in Boston so as to amplify those voices ensuring equitable participation in the overall leadership and direction of the organization. We actively encourage people with a strong connection to our programs, mission, and the communities we serve to apply.

If you are interested in applying, please send an email describing your interest, and a copy of your resume to elijah@bikesnotbombs.org in order to receive an official application form.



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Our Contact Information

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284 Amory Street
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
617.522.0222
<http://bikesnotbombs.org>

Bike Shop & Training Center Hours:

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 12pm - 7pm
Wednesday: 12pm - 7pm
Thursday: 12pm - 7pm
Friday: 12pm - 7pm
Saturday: 10am - 5pm

