

Spoke & Word, August 2023: the Bike-A-Thon is Here!

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BIKES NOT BOMBS

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**The Bike-A-Thon is Here:
Sign up to Ride or Volunteer Today!**



Ride and raise funds for BNB's work through our Bike-A-Thon!

Sign up to ride one of **five scenic routes**, ranging from our 10 mile family-friendly ride to our challenging 105 mile road route. All riders get breakfast, t-shirts, chances to win prizes, goodie bags, and an after-party with a catered lunch and live music in the heart of Jamaica Plain. Riding not your thing? We still have plenty of room for **volunteers**, too!

Riders and event supporters help raise critical funds to support Bikes Not Bombs mission through:

- The reclamation of bikes for use in unique local and international social justice projects;
- Opportunities for youth and adults to gain hands-on skills while working to build a more sustainable world;
- Meaningful jobs and professional mentorship for Boston teenagers and young adults; and
- The expansion of a thriving, equitable bike culture, locally and globally.

Join us for a bike ride for social change!

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

Apply to Bike School for Fall 2023!



Applications for [Fall 2023 Bike School](#) are still 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, open to teenagers and adults.

You will leave our Bike School 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. **No experience in biking or mechanics is necessary to apply and every program graduate will ride away on their very own refurbished bicycle!**

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).

From the Bike Shop: Save on Commuter Essentials!

Summer is almost in the rear view. Between the Bike-A-Thon and back to school season, it's time to make sure your bike is ready to roll into Fall!

Brighten your commute with great savings on commuter essentials: lights to help you see and be seen, fenders to keep you clean and dry, and bells to make sure everyone can hear you coming. We're offering 10% off on [bike lights from Knog and Kryptonite](#), and ALL fenders and [bike bells](#), through the entire month of September. Stop by to check out our selection, and in no time, you'll be prepared to bike Boston all year round.



Now thru September 10th save 10% off on products from our Bike-A-Thon sponsors Xact, Kryptonite, Pedros, Delta, and Bern! Get a great discount off your on-ride nutrition, bike locks and lights, accessories, tools, helmets, and more!!!

Need a tune-up before the Bike-A-Thon? Book your tune-up ASAP! Check out our [repairs page](#) for our full range of services & tune-up packages. Call the Bike Shop for more information on scheduling your tune-up today: 617-522-0222.

Summer Wrap-Up



Join us in celebrating our Youth Apprentices and Bike School participants who joined us this summer! Starting in June, **23 new Youth Apprentices** joined BNB, learning about bicycle mechanics, engaging in community organizing and civic education, and teaching their peers through Bike School programs.

We also want to offer congratulations to the **26 Bike School participants** who joined us this summer! At our Jamaica Plain, Roxbury, and Department of Youth Services locations, participants learned the fundamentals of bicycle mechanics and upkeep while building up their own refurbished bicycles to keep as their own.

Thank you all for joining us this summer and we look forward to seeing you again soon, whether it's at a container loading, the Bike-A-Thon, or riding around town.

BNB Cyclists Fundraise in RAGBRAI Ride across Iowa

BNB supporters Bryan Glascock and Aaron Osowiecki, Roslindale neighbors, rode their bikes the full distance across Iowa in a special fundraising ride for Bikes Not Bombs. Bryan and Aaron joined the legendary [RAGBRAI \(Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa\)](#) in its 50th year, with a route covering **500 miles** in seven days. While Aaron is a lifelong cyclist, Bryan bought his bike from BNB just this past April. So far, they have raised \$4,761.00 for BNB, much of it coming from their neighbors in Roslindale. We are incredibly grateful.



Southwest Corridor Park Action Plan: Call for Community Input

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is currently seeking your input about the **Southwest Corridor Park**, a much-used walking and biking path that stretches from Back Bay to Forest Hills.

This survey is being collected for the **Southwest Corridor Park Action Plan**, a comprehensive and inclusive master planning process leading to a vision for both short- and long-term investments that renovate and modernize the park while strengthening and supporting the communities it serves.

[Take the survey here](#) and view the [Southwest Corridor Park \(SWCP\) Action Plan StoryMap](#) to learn more!

Join the Bikes Not Bombs Board of Directors!



[The Bikes Not Bombs Board of Directors is seeking candidates to join our dynamic team.](#)

The Board of Directors is responsible for guiding and providing oversight to the organization as a whole, including approving the annual budget, hiring and supporting the Executive Director, 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, program development, managing change, 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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