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BIKES NOT BOMBS

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Get Ready for the Bike-A-Thon!

We are excited to announce [three group training rides](#) to prepare for the 2024 Bike-A-Thon!

Riders are welcome to register for one, two, or all three training rides. Mileage will increase with each ride over the summer to help you prepare for the longer routes.

Mark your calendars and come ride with us!

- **20 Mile Ride:** Saturday, June 29th, starting at 8:00 am
- **35 Mile Ride:** Sunday, July 14th, starting at 8:00 am
- **50 Mile Ride:** Saturday, August 24th, starting at 8:00 am



BIKE-A-THON GROUP TRAINING RIDES

JOIN US!

Meet fellow Bike-A-Thon cyclists, and get ready for our grand event in September!

FREE



All rides depart from and return to Bikes Not Bombs, 284 Amory St, Jamaica Plain

[View details & register here!](#)

And don't forget to sign up for the main event on **Sunday September 8th**: we are less than 100 days away from the **2024 Bike-A-Thon**! Check out our full [Bike-A-Thon page here](#) for all the latest info, including links to [register](#), [volunteer](#), or donate today.

Summer Bike School Applications Close June 7th



Making summer plans? Interested in learning more about bicycle mechanics, working with your hands, or riding away on your very own bike? Sign up for Bike School!

Don't let the word School fool you - our Bike School programs are **hands-on, interactive, and peer-led**. Earn-A-Bike in particular, for youth aged 12 to 18, has no lectures!

Learn more & apply today!

What is Bike School? Bike School is a series of classes that bring young people together for approximately five weeks to learn basic bike mechanics, refurbish donated bikes, learn safe urban riding, and **earn a bike of their own**. Program fees are \$50 to \$100, but with **unlimited fee waivers** available. Check out the program dates below:

Earn-A-Bike

Ages 12-18

Tuesdays **or** Thursdays, 1-5pm

July 9th to August 27th

Bike Institute

Ages 14+

Saturdays, 1-5pm

July 6th to August 31st

Funder Spotlight

We are thrilled to announce that Bikes Not Bombs (BNB) has been chosen as one of the 150 local nonprofits to receive a significant grant of \$225,000 over the next three years from the Cummings Foundations esteemed annual grants program. This generous award will empower us to expand our impactful Youth Pathways model by introducing our first ever Youth Fieldworker Fellowship program.



Cummings Foundation

Through this initiative, Boston-area youth will gain invaluable practical skills and career development opportunities in sustainable international development. Moreover, this program will deepen our longstanding partnership with Learn Work Develop (LWD) in Rwanda, a bicycle-based social enterprise committed to creating a brighter future for children, youth, and women in the community.

Thanks to the support of the Cummings Foundation, we are excited to enhance our collaboration with LWD, fostering economic mobility and cross-cultural connections. Together, we are building bridges that transcend borders and empower individuals to lead secure, healthy, and fulfilling lives worldwide. This grant is a testament to our shared vision of creating positive change and making a lasting impact on communities both locally and globally.

[Read the full press release here](#)

Unity in Community Ride Series



On our May Unity Ride, *Feeding Justice*, riders explored mobility, food access, and health outcomes. Stops along the route included the [Food Project's Dudley Greenhouse](#) and [Dorchester Food Coop \(DFC\)](#), where riders were able to spend some time speaking with staff members to learn about the missions of their organizations.

The Dorchester Food Coop is also host to monthly **free bike repair** from BNB through our Chain Reaction initiative - come stop by! The next date is on [Saturday June 29th, from 11am to 1pm](#).

And don't forget to join the next ride on **Saturday June 8th**, our [Ride to Pride!](#) This ride retraces key points in **Boston's Pride Parade of 1970**, stopping at key historical points along the way.

Riders will learn more about why events like Pride, based on radical love and acceptance, were important in 1970 and remain so today. Our 5 mile ride will end at the **Boston Pride for the People (BP4TP) Parade** at Boston Common. There is also an optional return ride back to BNB.

Check out the [event page](#) for full details!



Bike Shop News

Check out [TROXUS](#), the newest brand in our cargo/ebike line-up. Their bikes are powerful and affordable, with excellent build quality and components. We've brought in the Trax LT (\$1600), the Lynx Plus (Class 3, \$2000), and the Lynx Cargo (\$2300).

If you're looking for a more accessible entry point to electric biking, come check out Troxus Bikes at Bikes Not Bombs, take a test ride, and take one home today!



As always, we are at your service for repairs on all bicycles, traditional and electric-assist. Our service team is very busy at this time of the season, so we recommend you call ahead to the shop if you need to schedule a tune-up or major repairs. Check out our [repairs page](#) for more information, then give us a ring at 617-522-0222.

Check out the Bike Shop online!

And of course, the shop is always open to the public during our regular hours: **12-7 Tuesday through Friday** and **10-5 Saturday**, for all your new and used bike, part, and accessory needs. Come on down, we'll help you out!

Upcoming Events

Check out some highlights below, including **Chain Reaction**, our mobile bike repair services!

Unity Ride #3: Ride to Pride

Saturday June 11th, 11am meet up

Chain Reaction at Open Streets Roxbury

Saturday June 22nd, 10:30am to 5pm

Tool Time: Roxbury Hub

Friday June 28, 4 to 7pm

Bike-A-Thon Group Training Ride: 20 Miles

Saturday June 29th, 8am meet up

Everyday Revolutions Tour

Saturday June 29th, 10am to 11am

Chain Reaction at the Dorchester Food Coop

Saturday June 29th, 11am to 1pm



Applications are Open for Paid Summer Youth Apprenticeships

Youth Apprenticeships are designed to place graduates of **Bike School** in various work roles in the Bike School, Bicyclists Organizing for Community Action (BOCA) program, and the Bike Shop & Operations teams.

Our summer cohort offers the opportunity for youth to begin their journey at BNB as Youth Apprentices, including the possibility of employment beyond the summer.

Applications are open now and will close on July 1st, 2024.



Join the Bikes Not Bombs Board of Directors!



The Bikes Not Bombs Board of Directors is seeking candidates to serve as advisors to the Board. 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.

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.

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.

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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Bike Shop & Training Center Hours:

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 12pm - 7pm
Wednesday: 12pm - 7pm
Thursday: 12pm - 7pm
Friday: 12pm - 7pm

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Saturday: 10am - 5pm
Sunday: Closed