
Spoke & Word, May 2025: Get Ready for the Bike-A-Thon!

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BIKES NOT BOMBS

May 2025

It's Time to Ride in the Bike-A-Thon!



It's not too late to join the Bikes Not Bombs community at the June 8th [Bike-A-Thon](#), and make a meaningful difference — here in Boston and across the Global South!

RIDE

Ride **10-mile**, **25-mile**, or **50-miles** and raise critical funds to support Bikes Not Bombs mission and work. In addition to these scenic routes, there will be a lively after-party with a catered lunch, prizes for top fundraisers, artists, and musicians!

WIN

All riders who reach their fundraising minimums & ride with us on Sunday June 8th will automatically be entered into the drawing for a brand-new [Troxus Explorer Step-Thru E-Bike](#) valued at \$1,800 retail!

VOLUNTEER

Riding not your thing? Join a team of over 100 dedicated volunteers to support the event. We are still looking to fill the following critical roles:

- Bag Check 10:30am - 12:30pm
- Bike Parking (2) 7:30am - 9:45am
- Face Painting 12:30 - 3:00pm
- Field set up (6) 7:00am - 9:00am
- Field break down (6) 3:00pm - 5:30pm
- Route Marshalls for the Emerald Necklace ride (10) 11:15am - 1:30pm
- Prep and serve lunch (3) 11:30am - 1:30pm
- Rest stop staff at The Food Project in Lincoln (2) 10:00am - 2:00pm

[Sign up on Bloomerang Volunteer](#) or [reach out](#) with more questions!

Register to Ride Today!

Thank You for Joining the Youth Bike Summit!

Bikes Not Bombs had an action-packed weekend as we co-hosted the 2025 Youth Bike Summit with Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition and the National Youth Bike Council! Youth and adult advocates from across the country came together for three days of community building and hands-on learning, all about bikes....and beyond! Some quick hits from our weekend:

- Engaged over **213 youth** and **adults** from **18 states**
- Welcomed representatives from **50+ organizations** across the country
- Hosted **27 workshops**, including 17 classroom-based, nine mobile, and one MakerSpace, for participants to learn, grow, and explore together - both on and off the bike.

A huge thank you to all of our supporters, sponsors, volunteers, and staff who helped make this event possible! Check out news articles on [WCVB](#) and [Streetsblog](#) for more highlights!



Left to right: participants crafting with bike parts in the MakerSpace; preparing for the 10-mile group ride throughout Boston; riding the Neponset River Greenway in Mattapan on a mobile workshop

Bike Shop News: Opening on Sundays!

Your favorite local bike shop is now open six days a week! **After the Bike-A-Thon**, stop by our shop on **Sundays** from **12 to 5pm**.

Our full opening hours for June are:

- Tuesday to Friday, 12pm to 7pm
- Saturday, 10am to 5pm
- Sunday, 12pm to 5pm

Important note: we will be **closed on Tuesdays** after the 4th of July weekend.



Funder Spotlight: HubLuv



Earlier last month, HUBLUV convened a network of partners to celebrate collaborative trail-blazing and catalyze community conversations about the future of bike trails. Through this initiative, HUBLUV is building a movement that connects people to nature, to critical resources, and to each other.

Please join us in thanking HUBLUV for their commitment to bicyclists and to the Bikes Not Bombs community. HUBLUV is a major supporter of BNB's programs and operations, as well as the 2025 Youth Bike Summit!

Upcoming Events

Volunteer Night: New Times!

Wednesdays from 4 to 7pm

Next dates: June 11th, June 25th, July 2nd

Bike Drive in Milton

Saturday June 21st, 9am to 1pm

Tool Time

Friday June 27th, 4 to 7pm

Century Challenge

Sunday September 7th



Seeking Board Advisors



Bikes Not Bombs is seeking candidates to serve as board advisors. Board advisors provide guidance to the organization, 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, 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.

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