

Bike Camp 2021 FAQ

Is a Bike Fed Adventure Bike Camp a good fit for kids learning to ride?

This Wisconsin Bike Fed Adventure Bike Camp with Brookfield Rec is for young people who already know how to ride a bicycle. All participants will go through our Bike Driver's Ed curriculum and learn to safely ride a bike in the road. The focus of this camp however, is exploration by bicycle to parks and public spaces. By the final day of camp your child will be riding up to 35 miles in a day.

What COVID-19 Precautions are you taking?

Our entire education staff has been vaccinated. We will spend as much time outside as possible. Masks may be required if inside or in close proximity to others. We will not require them to always be worn while riding, but your child should have one ready. Each municipality in SE Wisconsin has its own public health protocols and we will be leaving Brookfield to surrounding communities. Riding a bike outdoors is a very low risk activity and biking is naturally socially distanced.

What kind of bike is best for Adventure Bike Camp?

Your student should have a bike that they fit properly and feel comfortable on. Please have the bike safely ready to ride by the first day of camp. If you need minor adjustments and air our staff can provide that. If further repairs are needed to have the bike in safe, functioning order we recommend your local bike shop. Get it in soon as they are all going to be very busy as warmer weather comes! We will have bikes stored at Wirth Park that your child may borrow for the week.

How do I transport my child's bike?

Because our Camps are taking place outside we will not be able to store your child's bike securely overnight this year. It is probably best to arrange to take your child's bike with you every day. We will be storing a small fleet of bicycles outdoors locked with a cable lock for campers to borrow. If you need to leave your bicycle at Wirth Park, the Bike Fed can lock it with our fleet, but we cannot guarantee its safety.

What is the best way to keep my child hydrated?

During these pandemic times fewer public fountains are available. Our team will carry some extra water and coordinate safe locations for bathroom breaks and water refills. A water bottle that fits snugly into a water bottle cage is essential. Many campers in the past rode with a camelbak style bag.

Is lunch provided?

Please send your child with a packed lunch that they are capable of carrying with them. We will often eat our lunches at our daily destination before returning home. Healthy snacking is encouraged throughout the day!

Where will you be riding?

Each day our ABC riders will be venturing off to a different location across Waukesha and Milwaukee counties. The sites and activities will be determined by the group skill level and the interests of the campers. On the first day of camp we concentrate on team skills and safety. By the second day we will be ready to ride out at 9:15 AM. Our Safe Routes Instructors will coordinate unique and fun locations each day and will communicate their expected destination the day prior. We make every attempt to stick to neighborhood streets and bike trails but in order to reach these destinations we may have to ride on, or cross, arterial streets for a short period of time.

Does my child need money to participate in Adventure Bike Camp activities?

Generally, we do not take campers to locations that require money. We will give a heads up if the group plans to need money for the next day.

What kind of footwear should my child wear?

Sneakers or enclosed shoes. Please no sandals.

Can I drop off my child early? Is it okay if I am late?

We understand you have meetings to get to! One of our instructors will be here at 8:30 AM every day. By Day 2 of camp we will be likely rolling out by 9:15. It may not be possible for your child to join if you are later than that. Please be on time in the morning!

What happens in case of a crash?

Our expert Safe Routes instructors each carry with a first-aid kit. In 16 years of programs we have never had a serious crash; but we do ask that an emergency contact be on call. Likewise Program Manager Michael Anderson, is on call to meet instructor's needs and we carry insurance for all riders. In the case of severe emergency 911 will be called and then the emergency contact we have on file.

What happens if there is severe weather?

Due to the pandemic we will be minimizing time your child spends indoors. Our camps will take place in the sheltered pavilions at Wirth Park which will serve as our outdoor classroom and meeting place. We ride in light rain or shine; but in the chance of severe weather we will communicate our plan with you as soon as possible. If there are severe weather alerts it is likely best to keep your child home for the day. If it is a passing storm we will take shelter where appropriate either on the ride or at HQ.

What is the difference between the age groups?

We are no longer grouping the Adventure Bike Camp as Advanced or Beginner, rather by grade level, in recognition that our Adventure Bike Camps are an opportunity for your child to demonstrate their grit. The lower grade group will have more breaks and likely ride fewer miles; but certainly still posing challenging and often long rides. The higher grade group is likely to travel farther but still with plenty of time for enrichment and team building. If you have two children and they are in different age groups but you think they are of equal physical prowess you may enroll them as you see fit. The advantage to having these groups of campers run simultaneously is that if necessary a child can potentially move in between groups to best accommodate their skill and social levels.

Do you teach my child how to ride a bike?

Our program is focused on skill development and growth. Students must be able to ride a two wheeled bicycle for a distance to participate in camp. If you are interested in learning to ride lessons please contact our staff.

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