

(_*****school name**_) Elementary and Cascade Bicycle Club Education Foundation
invite you to join our team for
Bike to School Month, May 2011

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Dear (**\*\*\*school name**) families,

May is Bike to School Month, designed to encourage bicycle commuting, mentor new riders and foster a love of bicycling. When you bike to school with your child you:

- Help your child become a safe, knowledgeable and independent cyclist.
- Create daily exercise habits that help keep your child active and healthy.
- Reduce car traffic and air pollution.

We envision participation in Bike-to-School Month as a family project, one that may also introduce parents to the fun of cycling with their kids! You know your child and your route to school best, but in general young children are not prepared to ride on the street alone. Most elementary school children ride with their parents or another adult.

**Everyone** who rides at least once wins a prize!

- All participants who ride on BTS day (May 20) earn an "I love my bike" sticker
- 1-14 trips earn a cool bike key chain
- 15+ trips earn bike bell

So, how do you participate? It's easy! Fill out the form below and return to (**\*\*\*Location**) by (**\*\*Date**). We will send home bicycle safety information, "passport" and instructions. You keep track of your trips each day you ride\* and turn in your passport at the end of the month. We'll add your trips to our school total and deliver your prizes.

For more information check out Cascade's website at <http://www.cbcef.org/bts/index.html> or contact Jenny Almgren at Cascade Bicycle Club ([ypa@cascadebicycleclub.org](mailto:ypa@cascadebicycleclub.org)) or –(**\*\*\*school BTS coordinator**)

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**R.S.V.P. Form, Bike to School Month, May 2011**

Yes! I would like to participate by biking to school\* and keeping track of my trips for the (**\*\*\*school name**) elementary **Bike to School Team**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: I give permission for my child to participate in Bike to School Month and I will provide the support he/she needs to do so safely.

\_\_\_\_\_ (parent's signature here)

Questions? Contact ( **\*\*\* school coordinator** )

\* Because every child cannot cycle safely to school, and because the "work" that kids do also includes sports, music lessons, trips to the library, play dates, etc., trips for Bike to School Month can include any trip made by bicycle somewhere he or she needs to go, one round-trip per day.