

Date: **JULY 1, 2010**

Time: **10:30-11:30 A.M.**

Location: **ANTWERP SUNSHINE
BRANCH LIBRARY**



The day was perfect for a Bicycle Safety Event in Mattawan, MI. There were 15 participants and two volunteers ages from 4-12. 5 bicycle helmets were given out along with additional safety items. The day was a big hit! A big thanks to the Antwerp Sunshine Library and The DALMAC Fund for their support.



The rain finally let up for us to have a fantastic turnout in Lawrence, MI with 25 participants, ages 3-13. Deputy Ben Ludwig from the Van Buren County Sheriff's Department was a big help at the event fitting bicycle helmets and filling low tires. Although our spray chalk did not last long the event, only scheduled for 1 hour, lasted for almost 2 hours! Everyone was having so much fun, the time did not matter. Thanks to everyone who joined us.



Obstacles are common when cycling and the Rock Dodge course provides the perfect practice for things that you can encounter while bicycling.



Maney and Maicey easily navigate the course after some practice. Maney, what have you done with your helmet?



Using hand signals when cycling gives motorists a way to know what the bicycle rider plans to do next. Great job Taylor and Emma.

THREE OAKS BICYCLE SAFETY EVENT

JULY 27, 2010



Maicey, Emma, Maney Taylor and Jared received one on one attention from Program Assistant Suzann Flowers while participating in the Bicycle Safety Program. The small group were able to practice three different obstacle courses in beautiful downtown Three Oaks.



Practicing balance and control while going slow on the Slow Race!

COVERT TOWNSHIP-JULY 30, 2010

Jaiven and Faith had a great time at the Covert Bicycle Safety Program. With such a small group we were able to do all four obstacle courses: Figure 8, Demon Driveway, Rock Dodge and the Slow Race. The kids did great and had a wonderful time as they worked their way through the courses and with their new bicycle gear they will be ready to hit the trails or road.



Faith under control and staying in the lines of the Figure 8, which teaches participants to break and maintain control of their bicycle.



Practicing hand signals in the Demon Driveway obstacle course.



Practicing how to pass is a necessary skill. If a car is coming, you need to go single file and make sure you determine who will go first, Faith and Jaiven have mastered this skill with no problem.



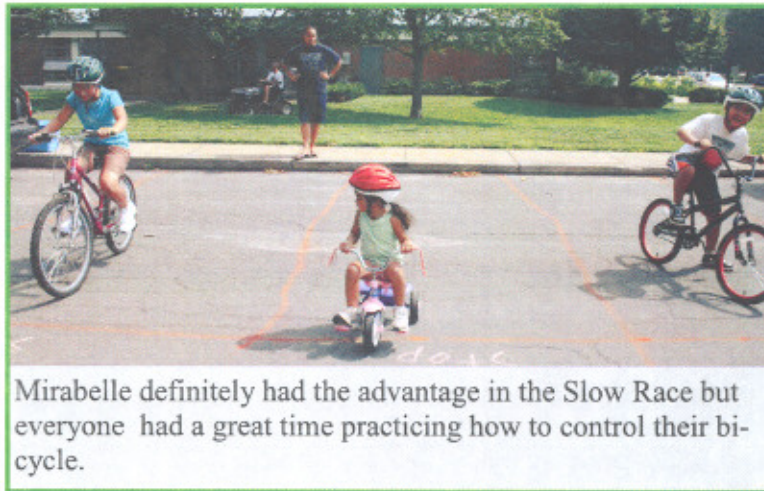
The slow race proved to be a bit harder than what Faith and Jaiven thought.

Berrien Springs Public Library

August 2, 2010



Mirabelle enjoying the experience with her new helmet making sure she stays in the lines has the support of her Dad to encourage her.



Mirabelle definitely had the advantage in the Slow Race but everyone had a great time practicing how to control their bicycle.



Officer Rick Smiedendorf from the Berrien Springs Oronoka Township Police Department helping Pele get fitted for his new helmet thanks to the DALMAC Fund.



Pele and Michaela practice weaving through obstacles in the Rock Dodge course.



Pele, Mirabelle and Michaela practice their skills during the Rock Dodge obstacle course. Pele and Michaela let their little sister go first so that they can practice using their brakes.

South Haven August 21, 2010

It was a great day to be in South Haven on August 21, 2010. 6 children participated in our Bicycle Safety Program hosted by the South Haven Memorial Library. The course was extra tricky for the kids with a small sloping hill, but each participant rode through the course with dedication and ease. Practice does make perfect.



New helmets were given to each of the participants, they look great!

