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SECOND ANNUAL ST. CHARLES COUNTY PARKS' BIKE SAFETY RODEO SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 9

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – Bike riding is a lot of fun, especially when you are prepared and know the rules of the road. Bring your bike and a helmet and learn how to ride safely at the 2nd Annual Bike Safety Rodeo, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, June 9, at the Youth Activity Park near Dardenne Prairie.



Children ages 4–15 learn the rules of biking with experts from the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department. They'll learn bike control, handling skills, hand signals and balance. After mastering the rules of the roads, participants test their skills on an obstacle course that simulates challenges that can be encountered while riding on the street. A simulated street course lets participants experience what to do at a stop sign, two-way intersection, when passing an emergency vehicle, encountering animal crossings and riding near parked cars. When they complete the street course, these more experienced riders advance to the next level by riding the course on the natural surface trails in the park.

Sponsored by St. Louis Children's Hospital and Momentum Bike Shop, staff are on hand to teach children about the importance of wearing a bike helmet and following the rules of the road. Hospital staff provide helmet fittings and sell helmets for \$11, and bike shop staff offer bike safety inspections.

The event is free! Pre-registration is requested, but walk-ups are welcome. To register for the Bike Safety Rodeo, call the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department at 636-949-7535 or visit <http://bit.ly/2K4bCO0>.

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About St. Charles County Parks & Recreation

The St. Charles County Parks & Recreation Department offers unique parks, diverse facilities and a broad range of programs and special events for all ages. The County currently operates 12 parks, including a Youth Activity Park and The Historic Daniel Boone Home. Veterans Tribute Park, our newest park development between Pitman Hill and Kisker roads is expected to open in 2018. For more information and specifics about each park, visit www.stccparks.org.

About St. Charles County

Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state's third largest county in both population and economic share. St. Charles County consistently ranks one of the healthiest places to live in Missouri in the County Health Rankings report published by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. It is home to 12 scenic county parks encompassing more than 2,800 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.



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With a population of 385,840, St Charles County is home to large employers including Citi, MasterCard Worldwide, Boeing and General Motors. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

St. Charles County employs nearly 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop.

For more information, please visit www.sccmo.org.