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Safe cycling at the bike rodeo

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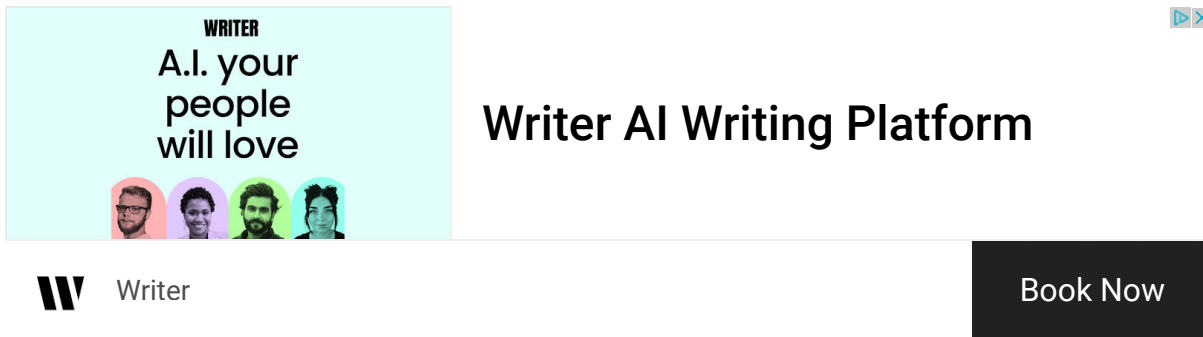
Jameson Young, 5, participates in a bike rodeo event at the Wilsonville Transit Center sponsored by SMART.

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With helmets on and training wheels off, Wilsonville kids carefully pedaled through a bicycle obstacle course over the weekend during the bike rodeo.

South Metro Area Regional Transit, Wilsonville's public transportation provider, hosted free bike rodeo on Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3, to teach new riders how to cycle safely.

At the rodeo, bicyclists attempted an obstacle course designed to test cycling fundamentals. By practicing skills such as using crosswalks, avoiding obstacles and correctly signaling turns, the obstacle course helped kids become more confident on their bikes and avoid accidents.



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SMART also distributed helmets to children who needed them, and a bike mechanic performed minor repairs such as filling tires, lubing chains and tightening brakes.

At the end of the course, kids received medals for their efforts.

“It’s encouraging being active and being comfortable with riding bicycles to school,” SMART mobility technician Patty Tiburcio said in a previous interview with the Spokesman. “Having these bike rodeos gives the kids a chance to practice those skills.”

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