

# Get ready to celebrate healthy, sustainable transportation with the GoByBike Week School Guide

This guide is your go-to resource for organizing a fun and educational week packed with active, hands-on participation. It's a chance for students, parents, and teachers to explore the excitement of biking, scootering, or any form of active transportation they enjoy!

We're celebrating GoByBike Week and encouraging everyone in British Columbia to swap their car for a bike! By joining in, you'll boost physical activity, reduce carbon emissions, build school spirit, and—who knows—maybe even win some amazing prizes!

Inside this guide, you'll find tons of creative ideas, helpful tips, and activity suggestions to engage and inspire students. Promoting cycling and sustainable transportation helps kids form healthy, lifelong habits while making a positive impact on the environment. Plus, with fewer cars around the school, students will arrive feeling energized, focused, and ready to take on the day!

And don't forget-two lucky schools will win \$1,000 to support active transportation!





# Admin & Teacher Incentives



# Two BC schools will each WIN \$1,000 to fund active transportation initiatives at their school!



**RACKS & STORAGE** 

SAFETY EDUCATION

LogMyRide to Enter	
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EQUIPMENT



ENCOURAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Winners Selected

All Schools with ONE logged ride will

be entered into a random draw.

Two schools will be selected at to

receive a \$1,000 cheque!

# Ready to get started?!

NOT SURE HOW? CLICK HERE FOR A STEP-BY-STEP TUTORIAL

## I) CREATE A TEAM

Register on LogMyRide, create a School Team (with students, parents, or staff), and log individual or group rides to win prizes! Click <u>HERE</u> to sign up for free.

### 2) SPREAD THE WORD

Hang our free posters around the school, create a social media post to invite families to join the school team, and create eNewsletters to motivate the school community to join in the fun!

## 3) EDUCATE AND INSPIRE

Check out our free online safe cycling courses for you and your students, including GetStreetwise and Learn2Ride.

4) PLAN TO BIKE Get out there and start logging those KMs! Plan group rides, host themed school events, and inspire kids to explore the outdoors with their families.

TIP: Create a Bike Bus! CONSIDER HAVING ONE PARENT/TEACHER RIDE ALONG WITH A GROUP OF STUDENTS TO AND FROM SCHOOL

> Go to <u>https://logmyride.gobybikebc.ca/</u> to register, create a team, and log bike rides.

## TAKE our <u>free</u> course

# OR TEACH our <u>free</u> course

StreetWise Cycling Online is a 1-2 hour interactive course designed to help beginner riders (adult and youth ages 12+) gain the knowledge and skills needed to start their cycling journeys with confidence.

#### This self-paced course covers:

- Essential and helpful gear
- Pre-ride ABC Quick Checks
- Route planning
- Rights and responsibilities as a person biking
- Riding on the road and navigating intersections
- Other helpful resources, and more!



### ACCESS HERE

Learn2Ride Online is a 1 hour interactive course designed to help youth (ages 9-12) years learn about basic cycling safety.

#### This game-based course covers:

- Parts of the Bicycle
- ABC Quick Check
- Locking a Bicycle
- Helmet and Safety Gear
- ABCs of Bike Safety: Awareness, Behaviour, and Communication



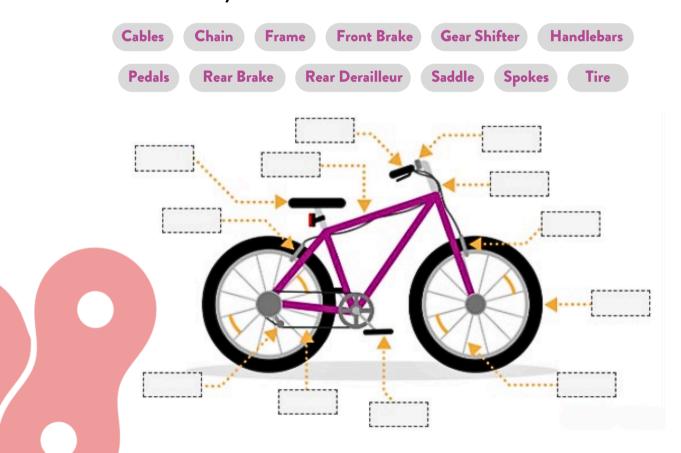
#### ACCESS HERE

Learn2Ride Online is hosted on the popular education platform, Moodle. The course has been developed in collaboration with TransLink and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and is offered free of cost to public schools and residents of BC.

It can be completed at home or at school, at any time, from any computer or device with an internet connection. However, we recommend accessing the course through a Chrome or Safari browser on a computer or tablet. The content is straightforward and interactive providing a self-guided resource for young cyclists; a "Spot the Differences" game teaching bike safety gear, and a Memory Game for road signs.

Sections can be completed over a few sessions and the students' progress will be tracked when logging back in each time. By completing each section students earn "badges" which can be printed out.

#### **Bicycle Part: Names and Functions**





To complement the Learn2Ride Online course consider organizing bike rodeos where students can learn and apply safe cycling techniques and bike handling skills, obeying traffic signs, and the laws of road use.

A bike rodeo can be comprised of many stations (such as helmet fit, bike check, snail race), or as simple as a single obstacle course with a few pylons. Webinars can be recorded and provide for a great online resource.



Perform the "A-B-C-Check": check your bicycle's AIR (tire and tube condition as well), the BRAKES (still grippy and don't squeak?), and the CHAIN (too loose? too tight? rusty?).





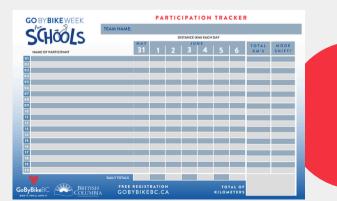
Plan your route before your ride, make sure to have an alternative route mapped out as well. Help other's plan their routes. Maybe you ride (parts of) a route together.



Be visible! Dress in bright colours and/or pack extra layers to be prepared for weather changes. Use daytime running lights on your bike - they help you to be seen.



Use the Tracking Poster to track trips that students choose to GoByBike. Establish it as a morning ritual when the students arrive. Collect weekend ride numbers. Adding their KM's, ticking the box, or putting the sticker on the poster is often a highlight! At the end of GoByBike Week, team leaders can tally results and log them online. The new Multi-Rider Mode makes this super easy. Log rides to be entered into the draw to win one of many great prizes!



No time to use LogMyRide for your School Team? Just send a photo of your completed Participation Tracker(s) to support@gobybikebc.ca and we will log it for you! Click HERE to download your Participation Tracker(s).

### OPTIONAL INSPIRATION IDEAS



#### **SCAVENGER HUNT**

There are a lot of different options how to design and organize themed rides:

Cranbrook, BC, put up numbered signs around the city for Fall GoByBike and asked people to find them and share a photo at the location (photo above).

Campbell River, BC, created loops around town for people to discover their community via bike, asking them to wear a green shirt for the ride and to share on social media at certain points along the route.

Vernon, BC, partnered with the local library for a "Bike Story Time", in which a family-friendly story is posted onto multiple signs, and people bike around the city to find the signs to read the complete story.

#### **DIY POSTER CONTEST**

Have your students design their own Spring GoByBike poster showing why cycling is good for mental well-being and the environment!





#### **GOBYBIKE BINGO**

Create your own bingo card with activities focusing on safe cycling and GoByBike Week. Above is an example from Squamish, BC. (Fall GoByBike 2020).

## Appendix: eNewsletter Template

eNewsletters, emails, letters, and social media posts addressed to parents are great ways to rally GoByBike Week Teams and Team Leaders. Provide as much information as the school community might need about activities, prizes, etc. Insert links to your school's resources, photos of past GoByBike Weeks, or testimonials/quotes if applicable. Ask parents to commit to participating to model healthy, environmentally friendly lifestyles!

<u>Sample Newsletter</u> Subject Line: Help our school win \$1000 by participating in GoByBike Week!

Email Text: Schools across the province will participate in GoByBike Week for a chance to win \$1000 towards active transportation! You can help our school win \$1000 by encouraging your child/children to bike or roll to school (scooters, skateboards, etc. count too). Active transportation enables students to spend more time outside, increases their daily exercise, helps them arrive energized and ready to learn at school, and helps them see how their actions can impact climate change. Increased active transportation to/from school helps reduce traffic around the school and less traffic makes a safer environment. Participation is free, fun, and great for everyone!

# Appendix: Useful Links and Additional Resources

BIKE SENSE: THE HOW-TO GUIDE FOR CYCLING IN BC <u>https://bccycling.ca/bikesense-index</u> Free download or order print copies

LEARN2RIDE ONLINE <u>https://gobybikebc.ca/cycling-education/learn2ride-online/</u> Free download or order print copies

STREETWISE CYCLING ONLINE <u>https://gobybikebc.ca/cycling-education/streetwise-online/</u> Free download or order print copies

ICBC'S ROAD SAFETY FOR EDUCATORS <u>https://www.icbc.com/road-safety/teaching/Pages/For-educators.aspx</u> Age appropriate road safety resources Grade level: K-10

CAN-BIKE COURSES THROUGHOUT BC <u>https://canbikecanada.ca/</u>









#### **PROVINCIAL SPONSORS**



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