



YOUTH BIKE SUMMIT 2024

June 14-16
Lehigh Valley, PA



Community Bike Works is thrilled to announce that we will host the 2024 national Youth Bike Summit, which is scheduled for June 14-16, 2024, at Muhlenberg College, with post-conference events scheduled for June 17. We expect the event to bring together 400 youth and their advocates from Earn a Bike and youth cycling programs across the country, with a focus on engaging youth from communities who have historically been excluded from cycling.

During YBS2024, youth and their adult advocates will participate in a range of plenary sessions, workshops, and rides designed to help youth grow as leaders through the power of the bicycle, all while showcasing the range of riding opportunities in the Lehigh Valley. An exhibit area, including local sponsors and national bike company sponsors, will be open throughout the conference, and tours of Muhlenberg will offer a college experience. The draft schedule includes the following planned activities:

FRIDAY: Guests arrive at Muhlenberg College and head out for nearby recreational rides, including mountain biking at Trexler Game Preserve. An evening welcome reception at the Lehigh Valley Velodrome will allow youth to connect while cheering on and meeting that night's riders.

SATURDAY: Opening plenary session, with a focus on youth cycling leaders. Then, attendees choose from riding workshops, including the options of Try the Track at the Velodrome, or a range of classroom workshops. Workshops could include creating safer streets, developing girls' cycling, how to hold a fundraiser, or writing bike poetry. A maker space will be available throughout the day. An evening reception at Bicycling magazine will offer additional networking time and a behind-the-scenes peek at cycling-related jobs.

SUNDAY: Large group ride across Lehigh County, with route and stops to be determined. Final workshops and rides. A closing visioning session will allow students to reflect on the future of our movement.

MONDAY: Post-conference group ride. Gathering of select groups/committees, including executive directors of youth bike mentoring organizations and the national Youth Bike Summit steering committee.

Since 2011, the Youth Bike Summit has served as a supportive and inclusive space designed to transform our local communities and strengthen our national movement by empowering bicycle leaders. YBS believes in the capacity of youth to lead and in the importance of a diverse, multi-cultural and equitable movement.

Community Bike Works was chosen to host YBS2024 from among all youth bike programs nationally, based on our teens' leadership at the 2022 Youth Bike Summit in Atlanta. For YBS2024, CBW teens will share responsibility for all aspects of conference planning. *"There's no better group to lead the Youth Bike Summit than the BIPOC youth of Bike Works,"* CBW team leader Avery Daniels said. *"We know better than anyone what young cyclists look forward to at the YBS, and we have the opportunity to make an impact on the lives of our peers from across the country."*

SPONSORSHIP & EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE: We would be pleased to partner with your organization to present YBS2024, with sponsorship benefits and tabling opportunities described on the attached form. Contact Avery Daniels at 610.434.1140 or adaniels@communitybikeworks.org.



Community Bike Works attended previous Youth Bike Summits including in Arlington, VA, and Queens, NY. In Arlington, the Sunday group ride took us past major monuments. In Queens, students including Avery presented a workshop on bridging bicycles and poetry!