

# VELO KIDS

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GETTING KIDS ON BIKES BIKE SKILLS BIKE SAFETY BIKE TRAIL STEWARDSHIP

#### 2020 REVIEW

We had a fun year planned for Velo Kids... KIDCYCLE spring rides, bi-weekly summer rides, Pedal the Pigeon and more. Unfortunately, due to COVID many things were canceled, but we quickly realized that **BIKE RIDES WERE NOT CANCELED!** Although we couldn't ride together like we normally do, we could encourage kids and families to get out and ride. Here is a list of Velo Kids events that were NOT canceled in 2020:

- Velo Kids Bike Bingo
- Tulip Time Bike Bingo
- Ronde van Quarantine
- 2 DIY Ice Cream Bike Rides (Moran Park & Rosa Parks Green)
- Summer Bike Adventure Challenge
- Cranksgiving DIY Bike Ride + Food Drive
- Junior Velo Club Team met weekly throughout the summer and fall









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#### SKILLS TO PRACTIC

- Loose elbows and shoulders while going over roots
  When you need to stop, make sure you are off to the side of the trail
- Pre-ride safety check (tires, brakes, gears/ chain, all working)
- 4. Smile and say hi to other walkers and cyclists you see out on the trail

#### SECRET SPOT CLUES

This week the bananas will be hanging out on a tree by one of the bridges on the Pigeon Creek mountain bike loop. Look for them just after the #6 marker on the mountain bike trail (<u>map here</u>). Good luck! And remember to post photos of your Velo Kids by the bananas! #velokidsbikeadventure



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#### SUMMER BIKE ADVENTURE

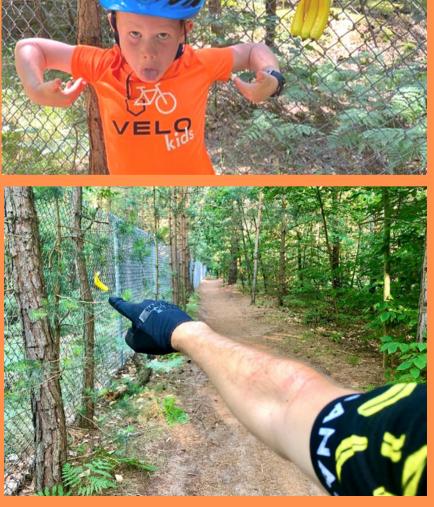
Velo Kids were challenged to an 8-week bike adventure, encouraging kids and families to get out and bike. The weekly challenges highlighted a local trail for kids to ride, specific bike skills for them to practice and clues to a secret spot where they could find the hidden Velo Kids bananas.

Kids who completed 4 of 8 weeks and turned in their Summer Bike Adventure scoresheet received their very own Velo Kids water bottle.

More than 100 kids participated in the Summer Bike Adventure!













## JUNIOR VELO

2020 was the first year for our club team, Junior Velo. This team is designed for young riders (ages 8-15) who are passionate about the sport and wanting to ride more.

Junior Velo consisted of 20 kids and 12 coaches. We biked every Thursday evening from June until October at local trails all over West Michigan. We saw incredible improvement in bike handling, confidence and overall fun on bikes!





### **VELO KIDS SPONSORS**

Velo Kids were fueled by these awesome sponsors. Thank you for seeing the value in encouraging kids to get outside, explore new trails in the woods, practice bike skills and lead healthy, active lifestyles.















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#### **MISSION & VISION**

We are incredibly excited about this growing cycling community in West Michigan!

Mission:

- Getting ALL Kids on Bikes
- Bike Skills
- Bike Safety
- Bike Trail Stewardship

Vision for the Future:

- Keeping Velo Kids rides free
- Diversity Making Velo Kids more accessible for everyone
- Creating a central location or bike park for kids to ride, practice skills and be outside

#### COMMUNITY GRANT!

We are honored and thankful to Quality Bike Products for the Community Grant we received in 2020 to have bike obstacles made for future Velo Kids events. Thank you to Impact Fab for the design and creation of these sweet and durable obstacles. We are excited for more rides in 2021!

Thank you for a great year! Let's ride again in 2021.

- Your Velo Kids Coaches

Want to get involved? We would love to hear from you! Send a note to jenny@velo-citycycles.com

