

## Mosinee Bicycle Rodeo

May is Bicycle Safety month. On Saturday, May 21<sup>ST</sup>, the Mosinee Police Department, along with the Mosinee Area Fire & EMS Department, and Mosinee Area Optimist Club, is holding its annual Bicycle Rodeo. The rodeo will be held from 10:00 AM till Noon, rain or shine at the Mosinee Recreation Center.

All area children in grades K-5 are invited to attend. There is no admission charge. Please bring your bike. The first 50 participants will receive a free bike helmet. A drawing will also be held for many great prizes, including a new bike! You need to be present to win prizes from the drawing. A free lunch is also provided.

Participants will receive instruction on bicycle safety. Their bicycles will be inspected to make sure they are safe. Then participants will put their new skills to the test on the proficiency course.

Bicyclists, have a safe summer by keeping these safety tips in mind:

- Wear your bike helmet at all times to reduce the risk of head injuries. Also consider wearing high-visibility clothing.
- Go with the traffic flow. Ride as far right in the lane as is safe and in the same direction as other vehicles.
- Obey all traffic laws. A bicycle is a vehicle and you're a driver.
- Stay alert at all times. Use your eyes and ears to detect traffic and road hazards.
- Look before turning. When turning, always look behind you for traffic and signal before making your turn.

Motorist can help by watching out for bicyclists. Be patient when passing a bicyclist. Slow down and pass only when it is safe. Do not squeeze the bicyclist off the road. Allow clearance of at least three feet when passing a bicyclist.

Parents, talk with your children about bicycle safety. Make sure they are following the rules. Check their bicycle to make sure it is safe. Do not allow young children to ride on the street. It is suggested that children younger than ten use the sidewalk to ride, but parents should determine when their child is ready to ride on the street. Most of all, make sure they wear a bike helmet.

Let's have a fun and safe summer.

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