

Star Wars bicycle event to benefit school foundation Saturday

Nevada Appeal staff report

Set for 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Fritsch Elementary School, the Bicycle Fun and Safety Day will benefit the Carson City Schools Foundation. Sponsored by Carson Tahoe Health and hosted by the Carson City School District, the Nevada Department of Transportation, Safe Routes to School, local bike clubs and shops, the inaugural event will serve as a proving ground to acquaint experienced and less experienced bike riders with their eco-friendly transport mechanisms.

The event will offer a bicycle safety rodeo with many fun and informative bicycle challenges, bike safety checks and roadworthiness inspections, guided fun rides and free helmets to the first 300 participants who need them.

Also, it's an official, unofficial intergalactic holiday, May the Fourth. Known as "Star Wars Day," the fan blowout is a pun play on the saga's iconic "May the Force be with you" line, which has pretty much served as a mantra/battle cry for diehards since George Lucas introduced it in 1977.

On this day in Carson City, however, instead of blowing up the Death Star or waging an attack on Starkiller Base to save countless planets from destruction, courses of adolescent Rebel Troops and young Jedi will marshal their forces on two-wheeled "Tauntauns" for guided fun rides and a bicycle safety rodeo.



Fritsch Elementary School will host Saturday's Bicycle Fun and Safety Day to benefit the Carson City Schools Foundation.

There will also be a "May the Fourth Ride with You" costume contest for individuals who dress themselves or their bicycles in a Star Wars theme. However, for safety purposes, event organizers strongly recommend bike riders make conscious considerations in their attire. Masks should never be worn while riding a bike, and any loose or dangling clothing material is discouraged as it poses significant risk of being tangled in the chain.

Registration for the event will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday. All participants must sign a waiver form to attend the event. Families are encouraged to print and fill out the waiver prior to arrival at Fritsch Elementary School. Event organizers are encouraging a \$5 per

person or \$20 per family donation be made to benefit the Carson City Schools Foundation. Pre-payment is available at www.ccschoolsfoundation.org.

Any business or organization that would like to register as a vendor and have a dedicated space to set up a booth at the event will need to provide a raffle prize or \$50 registration fee. Volunteers are still needed for this event. To register as a volunteer, go to <https://volunteersignup.org/mt3c7>.

Bike helmets will be mandatory to participate in the bike rides. All riders younger than 18 must have a parent or guardian sign the waiver form and remain at the event. Any riders younger than 10 must be accompanied by an adult throughout the ride(s).

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