

Communities across the U.S. roll with National Bike & Roll to School Day

The annual event celebrates the importance of safe, active trips for all

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (May 8, 2024) — Today children, families, school officials, and community leaders across the United States will walk, bike, and roll to school as part of the 13th annual National Bike & Roll to School Day. The celebration is designed to spotlight the joys and benefits of active travel to school, while drawing attention to the need for safe, accessible school commutes.

"National Bike & Roll to School Day provides a springboard for communities aiming to prioritize safe spaces for walking, biking, and rolling," said Nancy Pullen-Seufert, Director of the National Center for Safe Routes to School. "Thanks to all the local Bike & Roll to School Day event organizers and supporting organizations for their inspiring commitment to lasting changes that advance safe, active, and fun trips for children and youth."

To date, more than 1,800 Bike & Roll to School Day events have been registered in 42 states and Washington, D.C., on <u>walkbiketoschool.org</u>. The total number of events is expected to grow as celebrations continue throughout May, which is National Bike Month. Coordinated by the <u>National Center for Safe Routes to School</u>, Bike & Roll to School Day is part of the movement for year-round safe routes to school.

The National Bike & Roll to School Day media event will take place in Washington D.C.'s Lincoln Park. At the event, local and national officials and partners will gather with students, parents, and school leaders to roll by bike trains to 15 area schools.

To learn more about Walk & Roll and Bike & Roll to School Day events, visit <u>walkbiketoschool.org</u>. Any school or community that holds a Bike & Roll to School Day event in May is encouraged to register at <u>www.walkbiketoschool.org/registration</u>.

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About the National Center for Safe Routes to School

Established in May 2006, the National Center for Safe Routes to School, part of the UNC Highway Safety Research Center, helps support communities in changing their culture to support safe and active travel. As the coordinating organization for Walk & Roll to School Day held every October, Bike & Roll to School Day held each May, and the Vision Zero for Youth initiative, the National Center provides technical support, coordinates online registration, develops resources, and facilitates worldwide promotion and participation. For more information, visit walkbiketoschool.org.