

Adel Police Department & Rotary Club of Adel Safety Bike Rodeo May 5, 2018

ADM Schools students ages 5-8 and their parent(s) are invited to bring their bicycles and helmets to participate in the 1st Annual Safety Bike Rodeo, scheduled at the Adel City Hall Parking Lot, 301 S. 10th Street, Adel, from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 5. The inclement weather date is Sunday, May 6. The event is organized by the Adel Police Department and the Rotary Club of Adel to promote safe bicycle-riding habits and to reduce accidents involving children. This come-and-go event is free and offers interactive activities for children. Parking is available in the lot beside the Adel Public Library and in the lot south of the Adel Public Safety Building or on side streets.

A course with a series of four safety stations gives children the opportunity to learn correct riding skills. A thorough safety inspection of the bicycle is the first step on the course. Professionals will also check the child's bike helmet to make sure it fits well and is being worn properly. If the child does not have a bike helmet, a loaner helmet will be fitted to use during the event.

The remaining bike safety stations focus on riding techniques and skills. Children will be asked to ride through an established course. The emphasis for youth at this event is to learn how to control their bicycle.

Children completing the safety course will receive a certificate of completion, bike safety information, a Rotary key-chain flashlight, and a bottle of water.

Other activities at the Safety Bike Rodeo include tours of a police car and a fire engine and the opportunity to visit with an Adel Police Officer and an Adel Firefighter. The Adel Public Library will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., featuring a display of books about bicycles. In addition, the Raccoon River Valley Trail is nearby for riding or walking.

The First Annual Safety Bike Rodeo is made possible through the generosity and support of the City of Adel, the Adel Police Department, the Adel Fire Department, the Rotary Club of Adel, and Fareway.

For further information, contact Shirley McAdon, President, Rotary Club of Adel (993-4862) or Monte Keller, Officer, Adel Police Department (993-6723).

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