

Dear Parents:

Your child has expressed an interest in participating in the Woodridge Bike Rodeo this year, which will be held on **Friday, April 12, 2019**.

A School Safety Officer from the San Antonio Police Department, SAFFE Unit will be overseeing the event. The Officer asks that your child's bike be in good working order and safe for normal handling. The Bicycle Rodeo events will be fashioned according to the diagrams and event descriptions outlined in this handout. The main driveway of Woodridge Elementary has painted lines specifically for this event, and your child may go practice with you after school hours.



**EVENT #1 - Balance Test (Slow and Steady)** - This is a timed event, which tests the delicate balance of the rider. The longer the time, the slower the pace, the higher the score, so DRIVE SLOW! It is 2 parallel lines 3 feet apart for 75 ft.



**EVENT #2 - Circle Steering Test (The Donut)** - This event determines the rider's ability in steering the bicycle. While riding in a circle, the rider must stay between the lines.



**EVENT #3 - Straight Line Test (The French Fry)** - This test requires the rider to maintain a direct course through an 8-inch opening between 2 parallel lines running 30 ft.



**EVENT #4 - Single Obstacle Course (The Ice Cream Cone)** - This event determines the ability of the rider to make quick turns while riding past obstacles, which requires good judgement and accuracy. The rider will weave through cones placed 6 ft apart.



### **Bicycle Safety Checklist**

Properly working brakes

Inflated Tires

Chain and Chain Guard

Handlebars and grips

Steering Post

Seat

Spokes/Wheels

\*Rear Reflector

\*Light, Headlamp

\*Bell or Horn

*A thorough check of the bike's safety operation, beyond what is highlighted above, should be conducted for your child's safety. The above items are items we feel can further protect your child from harm. Failure to have a bell, horn, light, or rear reflector will NOT disqualify your child from participating in the Bike Rodeo.*

### **Bicycle Helmets:**

We will also inspect helmets as part of the Bike Rodeo inspection. Riders whose bicycle fail to score 100 points on the inspection may be awarded up to 10 points by having a bicycle helmet.

Example: A contestant has everything required on their bicycle except a bell (5 pts) and a front light (5 pts). If that rider has a helmet, they can still score 100 points on the bike inspection.

**THE MAXIMUM SCORE ON THE INSPECTION IS 100 POINTS. THERE IS NO PENALTY FOR NOT HAVING A HELMENT.**

We strongly encourage all children to wear a helmet when they ride a bike because serious head injuries can occur. The majority of bike accidents involving children do not occur with cars, but as a result of a fall.