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Safe Routes to School Training Coming to Bremerton

The Bicycle Alliance is bringing its Safe Routes to School training to Bremerton on Monday, April 24. This day-long workshop has a core content that is intermingled with opportunities for discussion, observation and identification of local problems and solutions. Space is limited. To sign up, contact Linda Jackley at jackll@health.co.kitsap.wa.us or (360) 337-5246 ext. 6254. For more info about Safe Routes to School, go to www.bicyclealliance.org and follow the Safe Routes link.

Bike to Work Week Grants Available

Time is running out to apply for Bike to Works Week grants offered by the League of American Bicyclists and Shimano to help communities with their 2006 efforts. To apply, send the LAB a 200-word essay on who, what, when and how the Bike to Work program will make a difference in your community. Deadline to apply is April 3 and grants range from \$1000 to \$1500 each. Email your essay to Sarah Stiles at sarah@bikeleague.org. (from BikeLeague News)

Native Planet Outdoor Club: Ride 4 a Reason

A new cycling and outdoor club has been launched in Seattle/Tacoma! Native Planet Outdoor Club brings cyclists and other outdoor enthusiasts together to support the self-empowerment and self-preservation of worldwide indigenous peoples. The club will offer rides for cyclists of all skill levels, focuses on fun, and will support Native Planet's vital cause. Check them out at www.ride4areason.org. Also consider riding the Native Planet Classic on June 11. It's a spectacular North Cascades ride, starting and ending in Winthrop, and benefits Native Planet. Details and registration at their website.

Kodak American Greenways Awards Program

Applications are being accepted now for the 2006 Kodak American Greenways Awards Program. Applications for the awards, which provide important seed money to

stimulate greenway, blueway and trail planning and design, may be submitted to The Conservation Fund through June 1, 2006. The award recipients, announced in early fall, will receive grants of \$500 - \$2500 to support their pioneering work in linking the nation's natural areas, historic sites, parks and open space. Local, regional, and statewide nonprofits, as well as community-based and municipal government organizations are encouraged to apply. An online application, grant guidelines and additional program information are available on The Conservation Fund's website www.conservationfund.org under "Award Programs".

Rides of Silence May 17

On May 17, cyclists across the nation will take to the streets in silent rides to honor cyclists who have been killed or injured on the roads. The purpose of the ride is to raise cycling awareness during bike safety month among, motorists, law enforcement and public officials. The Bicycle Alliance encourages Washington cyclists to participate in a local Ride of Silence or organizing one in your community if none is currently planned. To learn more about Ride of Silence, see what rides have been planned, and list your own ride, go to www.rideofsilence.org. We will list planned Rides of Silence for Washington State in our next e-newsletter.

Bicycle Commuting Workshops at Bikestation Seattle

The Bicycle Alliance and King County Metro is presenting a series of 6 lunchtime talks about bike commuting. Workshops will be held at noon on Thursdays, beginning April 6, at Bikestation Seattle, 311 Third Avenue South, a block north of King Street Station in Pioneer Square. The first talk will introduce attendees to resources available to bike commuters. Space is limited so please RSVP at info@bicyclealliance.org. You can preview future workshops at our website, www.bicyclealliance.org.

East Lake Sammamish Trail Fully Open

With the snip of a ribbon, King County Executive Ron Sims officially opened the entire length of the East Lake Sammamish Trail (Issaquah to Redmond) for public use earlier this month. Sims was joined by community leaders and trail supporters for the dedication ceremony, which capped more than 5 years of public debate, environmental review and litigation. The interim trail surface is compacted gravel over the existing railbed. A final paved trail will be developed when a Master Plan is adopted by the County Council. The Master Plan will be submitted to the County Council sometime this year.

Nearly 600 Share the Road license plates have been sold to date!