

# 2009 Galm ES Bike Rodeo

## Frequently Asked Questions



### Q: What date is the Bike Rodeo?

A: The Bike Rodeo is Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

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### Q: What time is the Bike Rodeo?

A: The Bike Rodeo starts at 8:15 a.m. and will end at approximately noon.

### Q: Where can I find information about Bike Rodeo?

A: Complete Bike Rodeo information will be sent home with students in early October. If you have not received that information, please ask your child's teacher or call the Bike Rodeo Coordinator at 414-2780.

### Q: How do I prepare my child's bike for Bike Rodeo?

A: A flyer with detailed instructions will come home with your child. The bike must be in safe riding condition and have the safety equipment as described in the flyer.

### Q: Do students need to pre-register for Bike Rodeo? Does my child need a permission slip?

A: No pre-registration is required and no permission slips are needed.

### Q: How early may I bring my child's bike to the school?

A: The playground gate near Stanton Drive opens at 7 a.m. Bikes may also be walked in through the breezeway on the north side of the school, near the rear parking lot/bus loop.

For everyone's safety, please walk bikes on school property and do not bring bikes into the school.

### Q: When I arrive with my child's bike that morning, where do I take it?

A: Bike check-in stations are located on the blacktop between the school and the gym. Bikes are grouped by grade/class.

- **Bikes must be labeled** with the child's first and last name, grade and teacher's name. Please do this before you bring the bike to the school.
- *Do not leave your child's bike without checking in* – a volunteer will help you take your bike to the correct area.
- Do not leave bikes at the bike racks near the portables on the north side of the school.
- Bikes must be delivered/picked up the day of the event. Do not leave your child's bike at the school.
- Galm/NISD are not responsible for bikes and other personal equipment left on school property.

### Q: Why does my child's bike and equipment need to be labeled?

A: With several hundred bicycles, volunteers need to quickly and accurately identify bikes, keep them grouped in the correct place and help children easily find their bikes when it's time to ride. Younger children may not be able to describe their own bike with enough detail if they are excited or nervous; not being able to find the bike causes stress that takes away from the fun of the day. Also, many bikes are identical – kids in a hurry may take the wrong bike.

Please come to school with your child's bike, helmet and equipment clearly labeled with:

- First and last name
- Grade
- Teacher name

Students arriving with unlabeled equipment will be directed to the self-help area before the bike can be checked in.

**Q: Can I come watch my child during Bike Rodeo?**

A: Yes! Parents, family and friends are encouraged to participate as volunteers on the day of the event or come watch the kids ride. As always, please sign in and get a nametag at the school's front office.

**Q: What time will my child's grade be participating?**

A: The children will be called by grade/class throughout the morning. Starting times for individual classes in each grade will be staggered, to reduce the amount of time spent waiting in line. Starting times may vary, so plan to arrive before the scheduled start time for your child's grade. This is a rough estimate of starting times:

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Starts at</b>
Pre-K/PPCD (a.m.)	8:15
K	8:30
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	8:45
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	9:10
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	9:40
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10:10
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10:25
Pre-K/PPCD (p.m.)	11:45

**Q: If my child does not participate, what will he/she do during that time?**

A: Participation is optional. Kids who do not want to ride in Bike Rodeo may still go outside with their class, where they have fun as spectators and serving as the cheering section for their classmates.

**Q: When can I leave with my child's bike?**

A: You may leave with your child's bike as soon as your child has completed the Bike Rodeo. All bicycles must be picked up the day of the event. Galm/NISD are not responsible for bikes and other personal equipment left on school property.

**Q: How are winners determined?**

A: There are two First Place, two Second Place and two Third Place winners – one boy and one girl – in grades K-5. First Place winners qualify to participate in the City-Wide Bike Rodeo, held in May. If a First Place winner cannot attend the City-Wide Rodeo, the Second or Third Place winner should be offered the opportunity to attend.

**Q: When are Bike Rodeo winners announced?**

A: The SAPD bike safety officer will validate scoring when all riders have competed the course, and notify the school office of the results before leaving the school. The school will notify Bike Rodeo winners that afternoon.

To ensure accuracy, judges and scorekeepers are instructed not to discuss or reveal individual scores until all scoring is completed, SAPD has validated the results and the school has been notified of the outcome. Any questions or concerns about judging and scoring should be brought to the attention of the Bike Rodeo Coordinator or the SAPD officer, who will evaluate the situation and take appropriate action.