

## **Mosinee Bicycle Rodeo**

The Mosinee Police Department, along with Security Health Plan, Mosinee Area Fire & EMS Department, and Mosinee Area Optimist Club, are holding the annual Mosinee Bicycle Rodeo on Friday, June 17, 2011 from 9AM-Noon. The rodeo is held rain or shine at the Mosinee Recreation Center.

All area kids in grades K-6 are invited to attend. There is no admission charge. Please bring your bike. The first 200 kids will receive a free bike helmet, along with lots of other great gifts. A drawing will also be held for many great prizes, including a new bike! You need to be present to win prizes from the drawing. A free lunch, including hotdogs, will also be available.

Kids will receive instruction on bicycle safety. Their bicycles will be inspected to make they are safe. Then participants will put their new skills to the test on the proficiency course. There will also be materials on hand to decorate your bike.

Bicyclists, lets make sure you have a safe summer by keeping these safety tips in mind:

- Wear your bike helmet to reduce the risk of head injuries.
- Watch for and avoid road hazards.
- Go with the traffic flow. Ride on the right in the same direction as other vehicles.
- Obey all traffic laws. A bicycle is a vehicle and you're a driver.
- Stay alert at all times. Use your eyes and ears to detect traffic and road hazards.
- Look before turning. When turning, always look behind you for traffic and signal before making your turn.

Motorist can help by watching out for bicyclists. Be patient when passing a bicyclist. Slow down and pass only when it is safe. Do not squeeze the bicyclist off the road. If road conditions and space permit, allow clearance of at least three feet when passing.

Parents, talk with your children about bicycle safety. Make sure they are following the rules. Do not allow young children to ride on the street. It is suggested that children younger than ten use the sidewalk to ride. Parents should determine when their child is ready to ride on the street.

Let's have a fun and safe summer.

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