

Tykes on Bikes

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Durango Devo needs little introduction, but a lot can be said about the bicycle-centric staple that coaches and leads all sorts of fat-wheeled adventures, from professional races to River Trail cruises on Strider bikes. The Devo Juniors program hosts kids starting as young as preschoolers all the way up to fifth grade, introducing them to the basics of bike handling, maintenance and, of course, fun. And as soon as they're out ripping around the trails, Devo offers classes teaching a mastery of skills to last a lifetime.



New Devo director Jamie Wienk leads out a group of young proteges.



Devo coach Hayley Engstrom teaches her team about basic bicycle mechanics.



Devo Juniors practice downhill riding with a soft landing at FLC.



Alyssa Hugentobler cranks through the clock tower like a pro.



Concentration is key to staying safe. Knee pads don't hurt, either.