YBIKE PROGRAM

PRESIDIO YMCA | Teaching Youth Biking Skills and Independence

VITAL STATS

Serves
Youth of all ages

Enrollment
More than 4,000 youth

Season
Year round

Demographics
54% of students are low-income, 87% are youth of color, 28% are English-language-learners, 10% are in special education programs.

Program Founded
2002

Total Funds Required
$288,321

FUNDING

Individual donations to the Annual Giving Campaign of the Presidio Community YMCA, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, Safe Routes to School, Department of Public Health

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YOUTH BICYCLE SAFETY EDUCATION

A program of the Presidio Community YMCA

Remember the freedom and independence you felt the first time you rode a bike? The set of programs and initiatives now collectively known as “YBike” began in 2002 when a Presidio Y member began volunteering to teach kids how to ride bikes. We realized early on that bicycles provide the perfect tool to help youth. Not only do our participants learn how to safely navigate the streets of San Francisco, but they also learn about their own local communities and other parts of the city including the Presidio. Led by caring adults who are certified through the American League of Bicyclists, we engage more than 4,000 participants each year, resulting in thousands of youth who are active, outdoor enthusiasts and educated cyclists. YBike offers a wide range of bicycle and traffic safety education programs, including: afterschool bike clubs, bicycle safety rodeos, PE programs, Safe Routes to School bicycle and pedestrian safety education classes, and free helmet giveaways at citywide events.

“It’s exciting to see these kids take off and experience a new kind of freedom and independence – a rite of passage kids feel when they ride a bike for the first time.”
– Jon W, Sunnyside Elementary School parent