



Bike Rodeo

Dear Bike Rodeo Chair,

Thank you for volunteering to be the chairperson for your school's Bike Rodeo. Not only is the Bike Rodeo a lot of fun, but an engaging way of teaching students about bike safety.

Bike Rodeo Basics

Torrance PTA Bike Rodeos are for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade boys and girls. Even though TUSD rules specify that only 4th and 5th graders can ride their bikes to and from school, the Rodeos include 3rd graders to help them get ready to ride to school. The Rodeo is primarily a safety and riding test event. There are six riding skills tests and a written test that each grade level must take.

Here's a quick summary of your duties:

- *Work with your PTA president, board and principal to pick a date for your Bike Rodeo before April 30th.*
- *Promote the event to students, staff and parents/guardians. Consider school newsletter, website, email, flyers and/or social media.*
- *Reserve equipment with the Council Bike Road Chair, if needed.*
- *Recruit and train volunteers to help set up obstacle courses, administer tests and help participants.*
- *On your bike rodeo day, set up the courses, and score the tests.*
- *Announce the winners, invite them to the District-wide Rodeo, and then come and support your students at the District-wide Rodeo. There are more details on the following pages.*

Jennifer Ruste is the Council Event Chairperson. Contact Jennifer to schedule your school's Bike Rodeo. She can be reached by email at bikerodeo@torrancecouncilofptas.org.

If you need to borrow Bike Rodeo Equipment, you MUST contact Jennifer to schedule a time to pick up the equipment. Pick up should be done AT LEAST two days before your Rodeo. The equipment CAN NOT be picked up without contacting Jennifer. Equipment should be returned as soon as possible and you MUST also contact Jennifer to return equipment.

If you didn't get a Bike Rodeo binder from your predecessor, please let me know.

Additional Notes:

You should schedule the Rodeo between February and April, but no later than April 30th so that you can get the winners list to the District Chairperson in time for the District Bike Rodeo. An alternate date should also be determined in case equipment is not available on your preferred event date.

Work with your president and principal to promote the event and determine the best way to communicate with your school community and distribute the permission slips.

Who Participates, Scoring & Reporting Winners

The 1st and 2nd place boys and girls from each grade level are invited to compete in the Citywide Bike Rodeo at Victor Elementary on May 17, 2025.

If you have students who require special course accommodations (i.e. for modified bikes) or need materials in other languages, reach out to bikerodeo@torrancecouncilofptas.org.

Copy each grade level test and make enough to have one for all of your 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. The tests are the same each year, so be sure to keep the extras.

You will need a classroom list from the office to get an accurate count of 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. You want to keep a steady flow of kids and not get a big crowd build up. It is easier to call classes one at a time.

After you have scored the tests and determined the 12 winners, use the form provided and send it to the Council Bike Rodeo chair at bikerodeo@torrancecouncilofptas.org. If there is a tie, send them both. I would also like to have you join us and support the students.

If your school has a weekly assembly, that is an ideal time to announce the winners and hand out their certificates. This also would be a good time to give them their District-wide invitation.

About the Torrance District-wide Bike Rodeo on May 17, 2025

1. This event is put on by volunteers from the Torrance Firefighters Association (TFA) with help from the Torrance Council of PTAs. Trophies, prizes, and cash certificates are funded by TFA.
2. The Torrance District-wide Bike Rodeo will be held at Victor Elementary for all 1st and 2nd place boy and girl winners from the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades (that's 12 per school times 17 schools). You need to send a list of your school's winners to the

District Rodeo Chair Jennifer Ruste. There should be a copy of this form in the procedure folder. You can email the list to bikerodeo@torrancecouncilofptas.org. **The list must be sent by April 30, 2025.**

3. Trophies are given out at each grade level for boys and girls for 1st through 5th place. Cash awards or gift cards may also be given to the top overall winners (not each grade level. Just top overall Boy & Girl).
4. Trophies are presented immediately following the Rodeo at about 11:00 a.m. or when the events are done. If the student has already left, you can pick it up or the Firefighters will deliver them to your school's office within three weeks.
5. Winners of the May 17 event will be invited to the Torrance Council of PTAs (TCPTA) June meeting. TCPTA will provide you with the winner names and invitations to the District-wide winners from May 17.