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The mission of the Vermont
Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition
is to promote bicycling & walk-
ing in Vermont, emphasizing
access, safety and education.

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BikeSmart – Instructor Application

It has sometimes been said that the only qualification necessary to teach bicycle safety to kids is a desire to do so. Sometimes the people teaching our kids about bicycle safety haven't themselves been on a bike in many years. Would we give our kids swimming lessons by someone who can't swim?

The BikeSmart program seeks to change this. We want instructors who are skilled and knowledgeable bicyclists. Based on this foundation, we will give you the teaching skills and knowledge about how kids see traffic, about the crashes kids typically have, and about how to present bicycle safety so that kids understand and retain BikeSmart concepts. Part of the training is on-bike; bring your bicycle & helmet!

Attendance at a full-day instructor training (9 am-4 pm) is necessary before you can teach BikeSmart. We hope you can make the commitment to BikeSmart, to Vermont's kids, and to the future of bicycling.

Your Name: _____

Which training will you attend?

April 15, 2006 – Manchester

Address: _____

City: _____ State ____ Zip _____

**location details sent to registered participants
at least 2 weeks before the training.*

Email: _____

Lunch provided; please indicate:

Phone: h _____ w _____

Omnivore Vegetarian Vegan

Please describe your own bicycling experience. Are you a mountain biker, bicycle tourist, commuter?

How often do you ride? _____ About how many miles a year? _____

Are you comfortable riding in traffic? Check all that apply & feel free to add additional notes.

- Bike paths or trails Rural roads (dirt, low-traffic) Rural roads (paved, regular traffic)
 Neighborhood streets Vermont city traffic Boston/New York traffic

Are you a parent? If so, please describe any insights you have from teaching your own kids about safe bicycling.

Do you have any experience in teaching bicycle safety to kids in a classroom or group setting? If so, describe.

Have you had any training in bicycle safety instruction? If so, note what training and when.

Other comments?

BikeSmart Instructors – Commitment & Expectations

Formalizing the commitment and expectations of BikeSmart helps you know whether being a BikeSmart instructor is for you, and also helps VT Bike/Ped Coalition meet our obligations under our contract with VTrans to produce this program.

Our intention in laying out such details out is to provide clarity, rather than to be bureaucratic. Please read and sign below to indicate your own commitment, and that you understand the expectations of this program.

Vermont Bike/Ped Coalition will provide:

- Free training for BikeSmart instructors.
- Instructional materials for you as an instructor, and for the students you will teach.
- A curriculum for instruction.
- Individualized advice & mentoring by request, as our staffing allows.
- Feedback on your instruction, based on observation and classroom teacher evaluations.
- A \$100 stipend per school for instructors who are not compensated through their regular job.

As a BikeSmart instructor, you will be asked:

- To teach a half-day in 2-3 Vermont schools each school year during the spring or fall.
- To contact the schools directly to arrange a time that fits your schedule and theirs.
- To administer an evaluation quiz as part of the presentation.
- To submit two reports after each day in the schools – one from you and one from the classroom teacher.

Note: Some instructors may be school teachers, police officers, department of health employees or others who are compensated for your time through your regular job. We will provide you with materials and support. Instructors not compensated through a regular job are eligible for a \$100 stipend per school to defray expenses.

Selection of schools

The schools that the program will be offered in will be selected by the Vermont Agency of Transportation. However, we encourage you to work with your local schools to make sure they apply!

- I understand that the Vermont Agency of Transportation must select and approve the schools to receive the BikeSmart program.
- I will be provided with copies of the application, so that I can ask my local schools to apply.

BikeSmart materials

- I understand that the BikeSmart materials I will be given are to be used only for students as part of the BikeSmart program in Vermont schools.
- I will not use BikeSmart materials for other bicycle safety instruction such as health fairs, bicycle safety fairs, etc. (Please contact VT Bike/Ped if you need materials for such events; these are available for a fee.)
- If I can no longer be an active instructor in the BikeSmart program, I agree to return to the VT Bike/Ped Coalition any remaining instructional materials, so that they can be used in the program.

This seems reasonable to me; sign me up! My signature indicates my commitment to meeting the expectations outlined above.

Your name

Signature

Date