BCYC
BICYCLE COALITION YOUTH CYCLING

2018 Wrap Up

Fostering healthy habits, independence and leadership in Philadelphia youth, one ride at a time.
The Year in Review

BCYC Fun Day
The first weekend event of the spring season is BCYC Fun Day, a scavenger hunt-style alley cat ride through Fairmount Park. Each team has one hour to gear up and plan their route, then three hours to travel to each location on the hunt and complete a task related to bicycle safety. The race ended with prizes from our sponsors and a lunch party at Lemon Hill catered by team sponsor District Taco.

“It was awesome having all the new and old athletes come together in order to get to their destination. This was a very fun experience for both them and me. I explored different places and remapped where things are. Seeing everyone enjoying the day while be competitive is the reason why I love this program! And seeing the new soon-to-be All Stars have fun put a smile on my face!” — Jelani Brown

BCYC Criterium
The BCYC Crit is the pinnacle of our 3 event omnium that our 7 core youth teams practice for and compete in all spring long. Over 100 youth, parents, coaches and friends were present for this technical and tactical race that showcases the high level cycling skills youth have developed over the course of the season—being alert and aware to their surroundings while cycling, communicating with their teammates, maintaining speed and safety through turns, planning and executing sprint finishes, and avoiding crashes.

The day ended with the announcement of our 2018 college scholarship recipients, Mya Miller and Tajae’ McMillian! (For more on our college scholarship program and this year’s winners, turn to pg 6.)

BCYC Time Trial
The second of the three spring races took place Saturday, May 5th on West River Drive. Athletes staged with their team and coaches, but raced individually against the clock, aiming to complete the course in their very best time possible. Three racers from each category took the podium to the proud cheers of all of BCYC!
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An All Star Summer
The end of spring and transition to summer programming is marked by the All Star Ceremony, a celebration for the whole BCYC family to honor all athletes’ accomplishments and welcome the new class of All Stars. **Over 50 athletes** joined one of our four summer All Star teams—Race, Triathlon, Tour, and B.CYC.le Squad. We’re also proud to say:

- Our NBW team was a 100% alumni coach run team this summer! After our youth graduate high school and age out of the program, employment as coaches and coordinators allows them to stay involved and have further career mentorship. Not to mention that the years of experience as BCYC athletes means they are the most skilled at connecting with our current athletes and teaching our curriculum!

- 19 youth joined the Tri Team for a summer of 2 beach triathlons! We had multiple individuals and relay team finishers on the podium at DELMO Sports Tri AC, and Gianna Handschin, Junius Jones, Izire Hawkins, and Tamir Nicholson wrapped their seasons with podium finishes at Tri the Wildwoods.

- Athletes Sahmeer Mundy, Terrance Johnson, and Marc Darden participated in their first official USA Cycling race at the Tour de Millersburg Open Time Trial.

Sojourn
Led by the planning and coordination of youth advisors, the All Star Touring team completed their most ambitious Sojourn yet—150 miles over 5 days on the GAP Trail from Pittsburgh, PA to Cumberland, MD. Through on and off rain, challenging gravel, and a 57.5-mile 4th leg, BCYC athletes displayed the perseverance, support and empathy for each other that makes this team so special. Youth trust that everyone is doing their best, and that the group will hold up individuals that need a bit of extra support at each step.

LESSONS FROM THE JOURNEY
“Always stretch before riding long distances.” — Marc Darden

“Dirt trails take more energy!” — Qaasim Hayes

“It had been awhile since I rode that many miles in that short of time but afterwards, after about the third day my body started to calm down and it got better, it got way more fun. Even riding in the rain was fun!” — Tajae McMillan

BCYC Day
We closed out our incredible summer season with BCYC Day & Summer Awards Ceremony. The event highlighted the accomplishments of the seven summer BCYC teams, youth leadership, and the program’s three graduating seniors, all headed off to college with their new graduation bikes gifted by Fuji USA.
BCYC by the Numbers

Our programming is rooted in the values of trauma-informed care and positive sports-based youth development. We center growth and celebrate personal achievements in select life skills—self-awareness, positive identity, situational awareness, plan B thinking, future focus, discipline, social confidence, and pro-social connections—to help our youth develop into competent, resilient adults.

Over the last two years, we have seen consistent growth in every single one of the life skill areas that we measure.

= March, 2018  = June 2018

= length of arrow represents growth over season

WE ARE BCYC

137 YOUTH ATHLETES

7 SPRING CORE TEAMS

3 SUMMER CORE TEAMS

6 ALL STAR TEAMS:
RACE, TOUR, TRIATHLON, MOUNTAIN BIKE, CROSS & B.CYC.LE SQUAD

THOUSANDS OF HOURS OF ON-THE-BIKE TRAINING

HUNDREDS OF HOURS OF OFF-THE-BIKE LEADERSHIP AND MENTORSHIP

POWERFUL NETWORK OF JUNIOR, ALUMNI, AND MASTERS COACHES

100% GRADUATION RATE FOR ALL BCYC ATHLETES SINCE 2008
“What’s your favorite part of belonging to a BCYC team?”

Helping / encouraging others  Trails  Leadership position  Long rides  Like family

Competition  Summer activity  Sprint  Riding with others  Coaches

Support  Socializing / Friends  Free transportation  Getting out of the house  Fun

Team  Learning / Improving  Everything  Events  Training

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Bicycle Coalition Youth Cycling Scholarship Fund

Our college scholarship recipients for 2018 are Mya Miller and Tajae’ McMillan, who not only have been BCYC athletes since they were freshmen, but are also dedicated junior coaches and members of B.CYC.le Squad and the Youth Advisory Council. Mya will be attending Franklin & Marshall College and Tajae’ will be attending Marywood University.

The BCYC scholarship fund was launched in 2017 by Jerome Jacobs—a friend, masters coach, and major contributor to the program—to continue BCYC’s mission of supporting youth’s academic success and their transition to life beyond high school. Athletes chosen for these scholarships commit to remaining involved with BCYC over the next four years, are assigned a one-on-one college mentor, and receive employment opportunities with the Bicycle Coalition.

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