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FREE BIKE EVENT HONORS THE LIFE OF LOCAL TEEN AUSTIN MILLER

Clackamas County, OR – Community members with a love for two wheels are invited to a free cycling event – the Austin Miller Memorial Bike Ride – from 10 a.m.-noon Aug. 4 at Stringfield Family Park, 3614 S.E. Naef Road, Oak Grove. The event, put on by North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD), will feature a bike safety event and a bike ride.

There are two bike ride options: A 3-mile route is geared toward families and new cyclists and a 12-mile ride will be offered for more experienced cyclists. Both rides will include sections of the Trolley Trail and roads with bike lanes. A celebration will be set up at Stringfield Park with booths, music and activities.

The bike rides and celebration will honor the life of Austin Miller, a 15-year old Clackamas County resident who was killed by a Tri-Met bus while riding his bike home from school in 2008. Austin was an avid rider and even wrote a school newspaper article about bike safety entitled “Please Don’t Run Me Over.” Austin enjoyed riding his bike, not only for fun, but also to lessen his impact on the environment. Austin’s family, who administers the Austin Miller Memorial Foundation, will be present at the event, promoting the issues of bike safety, awareness, and sharing the road.

Various community agencies and bike-related businesses will also be represented at the event, including the Clackamas County Safe Communities program and the Clackamas County Fire District No. 1 who will provide free helmets to children.

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