



# COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Dear Parent/Guardian

Walking and bicycling are fun and healthy ways to spend time with family and friends. However, Native American children are among the most vulnerable in traffic related accidents. The traffic fatality rate for Native Americans is 3.5 times higher than any other demographic. Pedestrian safety is reportedly a significant issue for Native Americans living in Washington State. As a result, The Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Department of Transportation is joining other Tribal communities across the country in offering educational opportunities for pedestrian and bicycle safety awareness.

To kick-off summer the Department of Transportation is hosting a Youth Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Event in June. Through a series of engaging activities, the event will provide your child/children the opportunity to learn safe techniques for rural and urban bicycling and walking. Safety topics will include; hand signals for bicycling, use of bicycle lanes, rural road safety, crosswalks and distractions.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety event is **free**, but **registration is required**. The Cowlitz Indian Tribe Department of Transportation will be giving away limited bicycle safety equipment including helmets, elbow and knee pads, reflective lighting, and more.

We encourage you to bring your child's bicycle but it is not required. If you would like for your child to participate and they do not have a bicycle please contact Amanda Workman, Department of Transportation, Project Coordinator at 360-353-9522 for more information.

**Ages: 5-15**

**Date: June 23, 2018**

**Time: 9:00 am – Noon (parent/guardian needs to be present)**

**Cowlitz Indian Tribe Administrative Office 1055 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. Longview, WA 98632 (Parking Lot)**

**Registration MUST be received by: June 6, 2018**

If your child is attending Cowlitz Youth Summer Camp the weekend of the event but is interested in it, please contact Amanda Workman, Project Coordinator at 360-353-9522 for more information.

Department staff will be contacting you once the registration has been received to confirm attendance.

We look forward to a worthwhile and fun event!

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Enclosure: Registration Form  
Bicycle Safety Tips  
Pedestrian Safety