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Corvallis gets Spring Rolling on new pump track



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Jessica Carrol, 6, of Corvallis takes a spin around a sample pump track at the Corvallis Spring Roll on Sunday morning at Cloverland Park. Team Dirt is attempting to bring a more permanent pump track to a Corvallis city park in the future.

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The goal with a pump track is to ride your bike through it without pedaling, using only your initial momentum and shifts of your weight forward or back to carry you over the bumps and around the banked corners.

Of course, at the Corvallis Spring Roll, an annual bike event for kids held Sunday in Cloverland Park, most of the riders on the track peddled heavily throughout the short pump track set up at the event.

The track was brought to the event by members of Team Dirt, a Corvallis-based nonprofit that builds mountain biking trails, who are trying to raise around \$50,000 to build a pump track in Corvallis.

Kirstin Carroll, a member of Team Dirt, said the city of Corvallis has committed to putting the new track in a local park if the group can raise the funds to buy it.

She said the Spring Roll was a kick-off for fundraising for the pump track.

Carroll added that bringing Sunday's temporary track to Corvallis was a way to show the community what a pump track is.

The proceeds of the Spring Roll, which had around 250 kids registered to participate, will go towards Team Dirt's pump track fund.

The event included an organized ride where kids got stickers for each circuit around the park they completed, a helmet fitting station, a bike swap, and a bike decorating booth. Ilene McClelland, the event's organizer, said its purpose is to promote biking because it is a healthy activity and it keeps cars off the road.

"Bike safety and skill-building are things everyone needs to learn and practice, we just start early to teach and reinforce ideas and skills that contribute to kids' confidence and positive experience on a bike," she said.

She added that she supports Team Dirt's efforts to build a pump track because it is a family-friendly way for people to gain bike skills.

"We knew bringing a demo track to Corvallis Spring Roll would be a great way to introduce and get support for one from the community," she said.

During much of the event, the pump track had one of the longest lines of any of the activities.

"Seeing the pump track's popularity shows me that there would be a ton of use for something like this in Corvallis," said Avie Meadows, also of Team Dirt.

Evan Bacheller, 8, of Corvallis, rode the track during the event, and said the track was surprisingly smooth. He said he occasionally bikes on the BMX track in Corvallis, and he would like to ride a pump track again.

"It was fun how you could go really fast," he said.

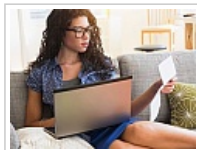
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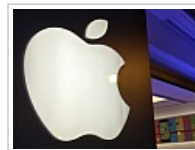
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