



### A Checklist for All Bicycles

		Needs Work	OK
<b>Wheels</b>	Do the wheels spin properly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Are wheels centered and secure in frame?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Is the wheel rim round when spun?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Do the wheels run properly, without wobbling?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Tires</b>	Any bulges, cuts, worn or bald spots?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Are the tires firm?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Is the tread good?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Brakes</b>	Are they working and secure?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Are cables and housings in good shape?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Do the brakes stop the bike quickly and smoothly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Spokes</b>	Are the spokes right and in place?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Are the spokes unbroken? (If the spokes are tight, they will make a high pitched noise when plucked.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Chain</b>	Is the chain in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Has the chain been lubricated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Does the chain fit snugly and have the proper tension? (It should fit snugly, with no more than 1/2 inch slack. If links are rusted or frozen, the chain should be replaced.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Pedals</b>	Are the pedals secure?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Do pedals turn easily without moving from side to side?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Are the reflectors in place?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Seat</b>	Is the seat adjusted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Is the seat secure?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Is the seat parallel to the ground?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Handlebars</b>	Are they straight and secure?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Frame</b>	Is the frame clean?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Is the frame small enough for rider?(Can straddle the bike with feet flat on the ground)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are nuts, bolts and fasteners tight?    
Is paint smooth and free of wrinkles?  
(Wrinkled paint may indicate frame weakness or damage.)

**Derailleurs** Are they working properly?    
Is shifting easy?    
Does the chain skip on the cassette?    
Are cables and housings in good shape?

With your child, check their bike using this list. If any items “Need Work”, have them repaired before the first day of class.

For Do It Yourself (DIY) maintenance, visit Bici Centro during Open Shop Hours at 434 Olive Street, Santa Barbara.

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