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Resource Center News:

The SC Safe Routes to School Resource Center wants to thank our school partners and community friends for another great year of walking, biking, and rolling! Since 2011, participation in Safe Routes activities has continued to increase. More schools than ever are encouraging students to be physically active and practice safe pedestrian/bicycle skills across South Carolina.

Here is a breakdown of all registered walk and bike to school events since 2011:

- 1,555 International Walk to School Day events
- 916 SC Walk and Roll to School Day events
- 229 Bike to School Day events

Thank you for organizing such great activities for your schools. The Resource Center is looking forward to supporting next school year's 2017-2018 events!



Rodney Oldham, CHES, CPT

From our State Coordinator:

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer! As the new 2017-2018 school year approaches, I want to encourage all schools to take a look at their SRTS efforts and schedule a meeting with your [School Outreach Coordinator](#) (SOC) to plan events and discuss implementing SRTS program elements.

Spotlight on a Friend: North Charleston Police Bike Team

The North Charleston Police Bike Team partners with the Resource Center to conduct Bike Rodeos, Safety Events, and Health and Wellness days throughout North Charleston and the greater Lowcountry region. When the Police Bike Team comes out to a Bike Rodeo, they work with the children on helmet fittings, bicycle fittings, and biking skills. Each officer is instrumental in instructing Bike Rodeo participants on how to be as safe as possible. They are an invaluable organization serving and protecting the community and providing important bicycle safety education to thousands of students.

Partner Highlight: Start Planning Your Event Now!

It is never too early to begin planning your International Walk to School Day (iWalk) event. As we all know the school year begins with a flurry of activity. The sooner the planning begins the better. After so many years of successful iWalk events in South Carolina, we are ready to help plan the right event for your school. Whether you want to walk to school, walk at school, or walk from school, let us support your efforts. Check out our website for resources at scaferoute.org or reach out to your local School Outreach Coordinator. Together, we can make 2017 the best iWalk yet!

Upcoming Events: International Walk to School Day Registration Coming Soon!

Register* to participate in International Walk to School Day (iWalk) on **October 4th**! Registration will be open soon. Here are many ways for your school to participate. Plan your events to encourage students

- For schools interested in enrolling in the SRTS Partnership Program, make sure you complete the [Enrollment Form](#) as soon as possible and register for International Walk to School Day to secure your incentives and resources.
- For schools that are already enrolled in our Partnership Program, continue progressing up our Partnership Levels! We had 3 schools reach our highest level of PLATINUM last school year and your school could next!
 - Plan your [International Walk to School Day](#) event
 - Send home the [Parent Surveys](#) and administer the [Student Travel Surveys](#)
 - Ask your [SOC](#) to give a [SRTS Presentation](#) at your SIC, PTO/PTA or faculty meeting to help build SRTS support throughout your school

I am looking forward to an increase in SRTS participation across South Carolina and can't wait to hear your schools' great success stories!

to:

- **Walk TO School** from their home
- **Walk TO School from a meeting location** (such as a park, grocery store or church parking lot)
- **Walk AT School** (school-wide walk around the campus in the morning, designated class time for grade-level walks throughout the day or a group walk after lunch)
- **Walk FROM School** (to their homes, a designated pick-up location or to an after school care provider)

Please contact your [School Outreach Coordinator](#) for assistance with planning a safe and fun event to fit your school's needs!

*Incentives will be provided to [partner schools](#) with registered events on a "first-come, first-serve" basis. To receive incentives before your event, please register before **Friday, September 22nd**. The Resource Center will have a limited supply, and based on the number of past events, we may run out. Register early!

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Grant Opportunity: PeopleForBikes

PeopleForBikes, a national movement to make cycling better for everyone, will be awarding grants of up to \$10,000 to support bicycle infrastructure projects such as bike paths, lanes, trails, and bridges; mountain bike facilities; bike parks and pump tracks; BMX facilities; and end-of-trip facilities such as bike racks, bike parking, and bike storage. To be eligible, applicants must be a non-profit organization with a focus on bicycling, active transportation, or community development; city or county agencies or departments; or state or federal agencies working locally. Letters of Intent must be received by July 21, 2017. See the PeopleForBikes [website](#) for complete program guidelines and application instructions.



The SC Safe Routes to School Resource Center is a program of the South Carolina DOT