

Youth start Fix-It Bike Shop

Dec. 9, 2008 - Andrew Sweet and four fellow Epping Middle School students are members of the newly launched Youth Venture Team, Fix—It Bike Shop. This community-benefiting venture will provide low-cost bike repair for area residents and offer money-saving lessons on maintenance and safety.

Sweet created Fix-It Bike Shop after noticing that few residents in his town cycled. He assumed this was due to the lack of bike shops in the area. Sweet thought if a shop opened that not only repaired bicycles, but also taught residents how to maintain them, people would more likely ride them.

Residents are encouraged to volunteer in the shop. After they log a certain number of hours, volunteers are able to begin building a bicycle, as compensation for their time and energy. These bikes are built from miscellaneous extra parts from other bikes.

Fix—It Bike Shop is at the Epping Recreation Department. Funding for Fix—It Bike Shop was made possible by a seed grant from the New Hampshire Electric Co-op Foundation and Youth Venture.

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