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# NEOCYCLE

## Event Recap

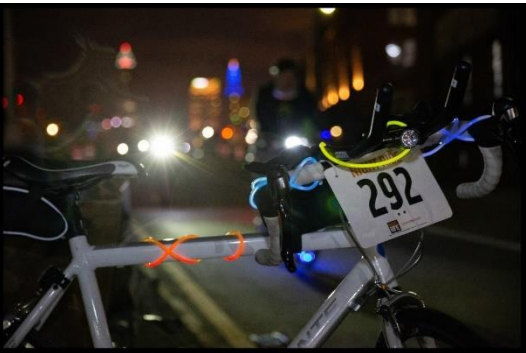
### 2018 NEOCycle

September 7th - 9th - Edgewater Park

**Thank you** to everyone who dedicated their time and energy in making NEOCycle a success. We had 2,189 cyclists join us from 16 states (and Canada).

Our Volunteer Team was instrumental in helping to run several aspects of the event, including: Registration and Packet Pick-Up, the Night Ride, Cyclocross, Velodrome, and Fondo competitions.

We had 107 volunteers commit to 130 shifts for a total of 548.5 hours. Great job, team!





Welcome to our Fall Interns! Tyler Tofil (Event Management), Dylan Hammon (Programming), and Liz O'Grady (Public Relations) join our team for the next few months. They got to experience NEOCycle for the first time and are pictured here with GCSC Director of Marketing and Communications, Meredith Painter.



## YES Programming

### 2018 Earn-a-Bike

In conjunction with NEOCycle, GCSC recently completed our fifth summer of the Earn-a-Bike program by giving away **145 new bikes, helmets, locks, and safety instructions**

to **City of Cleveland youth**. This program is part of Youth Education through Sports (YES) presented by University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital and The Sherwin-Williams Company.

Over 200 children from the City of Cleveland Recreation Centers completed an "energy" themed Field Day at the beginning of June. Attendees participated in activities covering topics such as nutrition, physical activity, energy and bikes, yoga and meditation, and the importance of positive sportsmanship.

Youth received a workbook following the event to test their knowledge and to track their progress in a variety of concepts covered that day. The top scorers of the program came back in July to receive their bikes, helmets, locks, and lessons in bicycle safety.





### **Volunteer Spotlight: Nancy Veto**

Nancy joined the GCSC Volunteer Team last year when she found out about the organization on Facebook. Her first and favorite event was USA Triathlon Age Group Nationals, where she enjoyed assisting at the Expo and setting up merchandise, assisting with awards, and stuffing goodie bags.

Nancy continues to volunteer because she knows she is making an impact by doing something to help other people and that the success of an event relies on its volunteers. In her spare time, Nancy enjoys cycling and is also a volunteer for Bike Cleveland. Welcome to the GCSC Family, Nancy!

**We want to highlight as many of our amazing volunteers as we can. Please share your story with us so we can feature you as our next Volunteer Spotlight.**

Thank you for reading! We value your feedback; If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Becky Griesmer at [rgriesmer@clevelandssports.org](mailto:rgriesmer@clevelandssports.org) or 216.479.6226.

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