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MADISON COUNTY "MAD HATTERS"

Who are the Mad Hatters?

The Madison County "Mad Hatters" is a CO-ED, cross-country, mountain bike team for youth in grades 5-12. The team includes public and homeschool athletes from Madison and the surrounding counties. We are currently looking to recruit new riders!

What We Are About

The Mad Hatters are a part of the Kentucky division of NICA and participate in races all over the state. While racing can be intimidating, it can also be highly motivating and encouraging for some athletes. However, racing is always optional and never a requirement to join the team.

The Mad Hatters also foster an inclusive environment and are recognized as an encouraging team to all athletes, no matter what team they ride for.

For the past two years, the team has led the league in trail stewardship hours. Our home trails are located at Silver Creek Bike Park in Berea, and we aim to keep them maintained year round.





What Makes Cycling Different from Other Sports?

Everyone who joins the Mad Hatters gets to ride, no matter their skill level. Biking is also an activity that you can do throughout the rest of your life. In addition to being great fun, cycling is awesome exercise, and promotes a healthy lifestyle.

"Being on the Mad Hatters team has been a fantastic experience for me because everyone is welcoming, supportive and encouraging. From day one, I fell in love with cycling; my teammates became my best friends, the coaches became great role models. Everyone gets to participate, and there is no pressure on you. The Mad Hatters focus on having fun and promoting a lifelong healthy sport. I've had a great time learning on-the-bike skills through team-building activities and games, which



have helped me ride with confidence. My favorite part of mountain biking is overcoming new challenges while having a blast with my friends."

-Ava Mashburn, KY NICA Alumni and Coach

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