

Monument Lodge #96



Houlton, Maine

About 5 years ago the masonic club in Houlton (Monument Lodge #96) started a program in the local schools they called the bikes4books program.

It started small with just 6 bikes at 2 schools consisting of a single grade. Since that time the program has grown each year and now includes 3 schools and almost 30 bikes. The idea behind this program is to encourage reading with the incentive of the chance to win a brand new bicycle and helmet.

We allow the teachers to be in complete control of all reading curriculum. Bikes for books is a reading incentive program designed for children in grades Pre-K to 6. Once the student reads 3 books, he or she will fill out the entry card and put it in the box assigned to their grade. Teachers may change according to their teaching needs.

The more entrees a student has, the better his or her chance to win. At the end of the set time limit there will be an assembly in which the winners will be drawn.

The students who have their names drawn by a member of Monument Lodge will win a brand new bicycle and helmet

We would like to have news coverage and photo taken at the event. With the exception of books we will supply all the materials to run the program.

Our goal with this short letter is to let the parents know about this program as we feel it can be a very good tool for teaches to push the aspect of the education.

We will try to answer any questions you may have regarding this program.

Please contact Monument Lodge at trestleboard96@yahoo.com Or you can call Lee Oliver at (207)538-7119 and please leave a message and I'll return your call as soon as possible.