

Durham Bike Cooperative
P.O. Box 1225
Durham, N.C. 27702

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The Daily Tar Heel
151 E. Rosemary St.
Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514

Dear Mr. Schaefer,

The Durham Bike Cooperative is a nonprofit organization focused on bettering the community by promoting cycling as a healthy fitness and wellness activity. They provide members of the Durham community with a place to have their bikes repaired and to learn how to repair a bike.

The Cooperative gives bicyclists in the Triangle a network of people with the same goals, aspirations and interests through social events, open-shop nights and fundraisers. They provide patrons with alternatives to paying for a bike by allowing them to receive a bike in exchange for volunteering.

Not only does the co-op provide these outlets for those interested in cycling, they pride themselves in being economically and environmentally stable. They solicit donations of unwanted bicycles and re-service them; they recycle metal of unusable parts to ensure they stay out of landfills; they operate a mobile clinic where people can take advantage of free bike repair; and, they have many other practices that promote sustainability.

I encourage all those interested in cycling to visit the cooperative. The staff there will welcome you with open arms and do their best to help you achieve your goals, whatever they may be. The co-op will provide you with a group of people that will support, teach and help you in any way they can.

Sincerely,

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