

SAINT JAMES CELEBRATION EVENT – 2021

SERVICE PROJECT

“ YIKES!... BIKES!! ”

BACKGROUND: Every year St Mary’s College experiences many “abandoned” bicycles left on campus by students as they return to their home areas. In most cases it is because they have no way to transport them, or the bikes have fallen into disrepair. This year St Mary’s intends to “rescue and/or repair” at least 20 –25 bicycles that the college can transform into a “loaner bike fleet” that students can access and use when needed.

SERVICE OBJECTIVE: Work in small groups to evaluate the condition of the bicycles, perform most repairs as needed, and tag bicycles that require special parts or significant rehabilitation at a later time. Provide the college with a “ready” pool of bicycles for their future loaner program.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION: Learn about simple bicycle maintenance; perform “hands on” repair work at a level consistent with existing or a newly acquired skill set; share community with fellow pilgrims; and, build a needed resource for St Mary’s students.

REQUIREMENTS: Ability to stand and perform certain hands/arm movements for one hour. Willingness to use simple tools in a safe manner. Additional willingness to learn new skills, or share existing skills with others.

RESOURCES NEEDED: None by Participants! All equipment, tools, and some spare parts will be provided by the lead facilitators.

NOTES:

- 1) This event will require a large area for staging the bicycles and should be in a covered shelter, as inclement weather will adversely impact any work attempted.
- 2) A First Aid kit on-site is advised but most likely will not be used.
- 3) The area should be close to where a car and trailer can bring in needed equipment.
- 4) Advance meeting with StMary’s staff needed to workout logistics.