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Thieves take kids' BMX bikes

By **STEPHANIE THIESSEN**

The Champion

Wednesday night, Nicky Pearson had to do one of the most difficult things she's ever done.

She had to look into the twinkling eyes of a group of special needs children and explain that thieves had stolen the 19 BMX bikes they rode every Wednesday in their Riders Ready BMX program.

Wednesday afternoon she said she knew exactly how it would go.

"Lots of these kids have OCD (obsessive compulsive disorder), so you can't change anything," she said, adding that the slightest change from the normal routine can be enough to upset the entire group.

She said she e-mailed most of the parents immediately so they could inform the kids.

"I don't know how I could handle 25 kids crying," she said, obviously emotional.

The bikes, along with some helmets, Gatorade and chocolate bars, were stolen sometime between Saturday morning and Tuesday evening from Track 2000 BMX race track near Britannia and Trafalgar roads. They were stored in a locked trailer equipped with an alarm. Each bike was worth about \$300.

Ms Pearson, who works at a Milton bicycle store, started the Riders Ready program four years ago for special needs children. The non-profit organization raised money and received support from local businesses to gradually purchase the bikes.

Each week, about 25 boys and girls come to the track to race the BMXs. Most participants have autism, while a few have other developmental disabilities. The program has spread by word of mouth, and Ms Pearson has had to turn away children because the program is — or was — running at full capacity.

This is the only social interaction some of the children have all week, Ms Pearson said.

The group was planning to go to Kingston on the Labour Day weekend to race in the eastern Canada finals.

Ms Pearson said she first found out about the theft Tuesday night. She said she noticed helmets lying all over the grass at the track, and saw that the trailer was empty.

"First there was total disbelief," she said, adding that it quickly gave way to anger.

While some people would throw their hands up in defeat, that's the last thing Ms Pearson said she's about to do. "It's not over. These kids have gone through so much. I'm not going to give up on them because of some stolen bikes."

Oakville resident Janice Spicer brings her son Adam, 10, to the track each week. She said this is the only recreational program he can participate in.

"It's taken years of buying two or three bikes each year, and we finally had enough to run a full program. It'll take years to build up again," Ms Spicer said. "It's like a bad dream."

She said Adam, who has autism, just can't understand why the bikes are gone.

"He was expecting to go racing tonight (Wednesday). I had to tell him the bikes are all gone. He doesn't comprehend it. He thinks robbers are coming to get him."

Donations to the Riders Ready BMX program can be made at any TD Canada Trust branch. The account number is 5204157.

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