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The new bike park will take our program to a new level and make it much more accessible to all students.
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BIKE PARK Goal: \$30,000

Experiential education is best defined as learning by doing with reflection. Long known as “Ex Ed,” experiential education at Albuquerque Academy includes programming in outdoor, environmental, and wilderness education, as well as leadership development.



The program has been a unique feature of the Academy since 1975. At the program’s inception, then-Headmaster Ashby Harper wrote, “The program is based on the conviction that students can learn in a rugged wilderness environment some of the important values which cannot be learned in the classroom.” As the program has evolved, the Academy has steadfastly maintained that conviction.

Mountain biking is one of the most popular courses taught by the Ex Ed department. The department will use the space formerly occupied by the alpine tower, recently dismantled, for an exciting new bike park. Dollars needed to maintain the alpine tower will serve more students through the bike park. Bike parks are comprised of “pump track”-style bumps and berms, jumps and table-tops, flow trails, and structures to practice the technical skills used in mountain biking.

The fun and educational new space will benefit Academy students, and funding will support the purchase of bikes, a storage shed to securely house the bikes, and bike park structures.