

## **Durango DEVO**

The Durango Junior Development (DEVO) Mountain Bike Team is a program for ages 6 to 19 years of age. The Team is split into four categories: DEVO Jr., DEVO Boys' U14, Devo Girls' U14, DEVO Boys' U19 , and DEVO Girls' U19. The mission of this program is to develop each individual in mountain biking as a life-long sport. The program is arranged in a building block style to increase interest in mountain biking and promote each athlete in a positive environment.

**DEVO Jr.** is split into four groups (beginners, 20" wheel size, 24-26" wheel size, and ) and emphasizes skill building in a fun, non-competitive environment. Each group meets after school in the Fall and Spring. This is a casual way for youth to learn about the sport and build skills. These youth can choose to race in the Iron Horse Bicycle Classic's kids' criterium on Sunday morning.

**DEVO U14** is for middle school age kids interested in continuing to build skills and begin to pursue racing. Although these youth may still be interested in other sports, this group is much more serious than DEVO Jr. meeting more often and traveling to races. Promoting the sport in a fun environment is still the overall goal, but some specific training is involved. Their season last from April through August.

**DEVO U19** is for high school age kids who are becoming solely committed to the sport of mountain biking. These youth may be training year round and/or pursuing only one other sport in the winter only. The goal is to prepare each rider for collegiate and/or professional racing. Though training with a USA Cycling Coach is imperative to this program, continuing skill building in a fun environment is equally important. Their season last from April through August.

Each group will wear the DEVO Jersey in differing colors to highlight building block of the program. Each group is associated with a different local bike shop for support: Devo U19 w/ Durango Cyclery, Devo U14 w/ Second Ave, Sports, and Devo Jr. w/ Hasslefree.