

HITTING the ROAD

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Peter Fetter shares his experience with the Paly Cycling Club.

Peter Fetter took up cycling during the pandemic when he could no longer swim on his club team. He soon fell in love with cycling; he started biking all over California and found joy exploring the different routes California has to offer. Once he started high school, he naturally joined the cycling club.

“Cycling is a super awesome opportunity for me to go outside and get some exercise,” Fetter said. “The Paly cycling club is a very friendly and low skill level club so anyone from beginners to more advanced cyclists can join.”

For him, the club isn’t as much of a competitive sport, but more of a way to connect with others and with nature around him.

Although stationary bikes have gained popularity among teenagers Fetter chooses to cycle outdoors because of his love for nature.

“Cycling outside makes you feel a lot more connected to the world and biking outside can be really

accomplished,” Fetter said.

Fetter has gone on many cycling trips with members of the club. He and a few other Paly students took the train and their bikes up to Portland, Oregon and then they spent eight days riding down the coast of Oregon and California.

“We had to endure through rain and sun,” Fetter said.

During their ride they bought groceries from local Safeway stores and slept outside in their sleeping bags, traveling as light as possible to keep weight off their backs while cycling.

Although this may sound intimidating to the regular student looking for a club to join, Fetter explains that the club is all

about having fun and being active with friends.

Everyone could use a little bit of this in their lives.

“Biking can be really exhilarating and there is a big sense of accomplishment when you get to the top of the hill and then you get to zoom down the other side,” Fetter said.

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(top) **ALONG THE COAST** the Paly Cycling Club rides along the coast, getting work done while enjoying the beautiful scenery.
(below) **CYCLING THROUGH THE STATES**, Peter Fetter cycles through California with the Paly Cycling Club.



Trevor Weaver-Escobar
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Peyton Wehner
Angeline Wei
Ceanna West
Phillipa West

Seth Wiesner
Elizabeth Williams
Sophie Williams
Virginia Williams
Abigail Wolf
Aidan Wong

Eunice Wong
Richelle Wong
Vincent Wong
Kalia Wooden
Eric Woods
Asher Wu

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Vince Wu
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Zihan Yang

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Cherianne Yoon
Edison Yoshinaga
Jonathan Yuan
Lucas Yuan

Aether Yun
Rue Zadik
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Lucy Zhao
Mengyang Zhao
Suri Zheng

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Rongquan Zhou
Zichen Zhou

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