

# Adam Smith

A hero is someone who is a leader, someone mentally strong, and someone who helps people, not to be admired, but because they can and they want to. A hero is also humble, selfless, and they help people when nobody's looking. That is my definition of a hero. The person I consider a hero is Adam Smith. I started researching bike charities and I found [TRIPS FOR KIDS MARIN](#).

This organization uses mountain biking to “help youth shift gears in a positive way”. The organization started in 1988 by a woman named Marilyn Price. Adam was two years old at this time! Marilyn saw the need to share the positive restorative power of nature and wanted to share it with the youth of San Francisco. She thought there would be no better way to do it than mountain biking. Since that time, Trips for Kids has taken over 38,000 underserved youth on transformative trail rides around the bay area. They now have three youth programs centered around using the power of bicycling to help youth change gears in a positive way.

Adam got his first mountain bike when he was two years old and immediately fell in love. Bikes were so cool and fun. He always loved bikes and there was no better way to play than on a bike. Biking became a big part of his life and he wanted to be a professional rider when he was older. Now 23 years later, though he didn't turn into a professional racer, bikes are a big part of his life. He says there's no better feeling than sharing something you're passionate about with young people and he's lucky to have found Trips for Kids!

Some of the obstacles that Adam encountered are ride cancellations, lack of time to get everything done, and difficulties with other agencies. “It can be stressful at times, but it’s always worth it when you see the smiling faces of our riders after a great day on the trail.”

Adam feels that he is successful. “Success is simple. Do what’s right at the right time in the right way.” He is able to share his passion, teach skills, create confidence, and instill a sense of pride in young people. That’s a hero!