



## SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WELCOMES RACE FOR THIRD YEAR

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## **DETAILS OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY RACE ROUTES FOR 2008**

### **Stage 5: Solvang Individual Time Trial (Friday, February 22, 2008)**

**(Start time: Noon)** Cyclists will race against the clock on a 15-mile closed course through scenic Solvang and Santa Ynez Valley wine country. Stage 5 is an ideal location to view the race from many vantage points as well as the start/finish lines, only one block apart (new for 2008). To complement the race, the *Amgen Tour of California Health Net Lifestyle Festival* in downtown Solvang is FREE and open to the public, featuring info and items from race sponsors; plus live-action race viewing on the **Festival Big Screen TV**. Stage 5 concludes with an exciting **Awards Ceremony** in downtown Solvang.

**Here are the Stage 5 route details:** Start at Solvang Park (Mission Drive & First Street); Left on Alisal Road; Right on Viborg Road; Left on Alamo Pintado Road; Right on Baseline Avenue; Left on Refugio Road; Left on Roblar Avenue; Right on Grand Avenue through downtown Los Olivos; Left at Stop Sign & Flagpole/Alamo Pintado Avenue; Right on Steele Street; Steele becomes Ballard Canyon Road; (Sharp left turn and begin climbing; Top of climb 965 feet); head straight onto Chalk Hill Road; cross Fredensborg Canyon Road; now on Atterdag Road; pass Solvang School; Left on Copenhagen Drive. Finish Line 1500-1600 block of Copenhagen Drive (near First Street). Estimated time for First Rider to Finish 12:34 PM and Last Rider to Finish 2:52 PM. NOTE: East-West and North-South city access routes for residents/visitors will remain open throughout the day.

### **Stage 6: Santa Barbara to Santa Clarita (Saturday, February 23, 2008)**

**(Start time: 11:00 AM)** Stage 6 is one of the longest at 105 miles, and is heavy on climbs with four "King of the Mountains," three sprints including one in downtown Carpinteria for the first time, and a demanding finishing circuit in Santa Clarita. Stage 6 festivities will begin at 9:00 AM in Santa Barbara at East Beach (Chase Palm Park) with the **Cottage Health Systems Family Fitness Fair** and a **Free Kids Bike Race**. From approximately 10:00-10:45AM, pro-cyclists will arrive in team vehicles to register—creating the unofficial yet popular "**Autograph Alley**," where fans are able to interact with riders; followed by welcome ceremonies and Stage Start at 11:00 AM.

**Here are the Stage 6 route details in Santa Barbara County:** Oceanfront Starting Line on Cabrillo Boulevard between Garden Street and Calle Caesar Chavez in front of Chase Palm Park. Neutral Start (all riders together) along Cabrillo Boulevard; Left on Hot Springs Road; Left on Sycamore Canyon Road; Right on East Valley Road/Hwy 192--End neutral section; Left on Foothill Road/Hwy 192; Left on Via Real; Right on Santa Ynez(Cross Over Hwy 101); Left on Carpinteria Avenue; Cross Casitas Pass Road/Sprint Line; Left on Hwy 150 (Cross Over Hwy 101); cross Hwy 192 into Ventura County and finish in Santa Clarita (estimated time 2:30-3:30 PM).