



## SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WELCOMES RACE FOR THIRD YEAR

Stage 5 - Solvang Individual Time Trial (Friday, Feb. 22, 2008)

Stage 6 - Santa Barbara Start (Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008)

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## **SANTA BARBARA COUNTY HOSTS EVENTS CELEBRATING RETURN OF AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA CYCLING RACE**

*~Solvang & Santa Barbara Local Organizing Committees Planning Festive Fundraisers*

**Santa Barbara County, California**—On February 22 & 23, 2008, Santa Barbara County proudly welcomes back for its third year the **Amgen Tour of California**—a 650-mile, eight-day bicycle stage race modeled after the Tour de France—featuring the world's top professional cycling teams starting in Palo Alto-Stanford University on February 17 and concluding in Pasadena on February 24. The public is invited to cheer the cyclists along the route and join the excitement at events throughout the county over the coming weeks.

Carol Petersen & Max Hanberg, co-chairs of the **Solvang Local Organizing Committee (LOC)** are pleased to announce these events:

- **Saturday, February 2, 2008:** Movie Night at Solvang School; details to be announced.
- **Friday, February 22, 2008:** 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Solvang Celebration Gala at Royal Scandinavian Inn featuring wine tasting reception courtesy of Andrew Murray Vineyards; silent and live auctions, gourmet dinner; and featured guest Dave Shields, author of *Tour de Life*, *The Race* and *The Tour*. Music by Debby White and Pureheart for listening and dancing pleasure. \$100 per person; reserved tables of 8 for \$1000. (805) 588-5942 or [www.tourofcalifornia-solvang.com](http://www.tourofcalifornia-solvang.com) to purchase tickets online.

Barney Berglund, chair of the **Santa Barbara Local Organizing Committee**, reveals two festivities:

- **Thursday, January 17, 2008:** Movie Night at Cabrillo Arts Pavilion; 6:00pm Reception and 7:00pm Screening of "American Flyers" starring local resident Kevin Costner. \$12 suggested donation.
- **Friday, February 22, 2008:** Pre-Party at Cabrillo Arts Pavilion, 7:00pm. Mix and mingle with local dignitaries and race officials prior to the Stage 6 start the next morning. \$100 per person includes gourmet food & beverages and entertainment.

Area residents and businesses are encouraged to contact organizers for **Volunteer opportunities** at each stage as well as **Sponsorship options**. Thousands of spectators are expected to enjoy the race, creating outstanding promotional opportunities. For complete details on all aspects of the race, visit the following websites: [www.amgentourofcalifornia.com](http://www.amgentourofcalifornia.com); [www.tourofcalifornia-solvang.com](http://www.tourofcalifornia-solvang.com); [www.TourSB.com](http://www.TourSB.com)

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