

TIPS FOR ENJOYING THE AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA

WELCOME TO THE 2008 AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA. IN ORDER TO MAKE YOUR RACE-DAY EXPERIENCE AN EXCITING ONE, WE WANTED TO OFFER A FEW TIPS TO HELP PREPARE YOU FOR RACE DAY AND PERHAPS PROVIDE SOME NEW INFORMATION ON THE GREAT SPORT OF CYCLING.

Do download the latest race information at www.amgentourofcalifornia.com - there will be maps, stage profiles, rider lists and course logs to help you enjoy the race.

Don't paint on the roads! Residents of the local communities do not appreciate the permanent remnants of the race, and it jeopardizes the ability to obtain necessary permits in the future.

Do use chalk on the road to encourage and root for your favorite teams and riders.

Do make a positive impact on the environment and ride your bike to the race. If you must drive, make sure your car is parked legally and will not prohibit the race caravan from getting through.

Don't block traffic when riding your bike to the race. Remember the roads are open to traffic before the race arrives, so be safe, respectful and share the road.

Do respect the residents of the areas the race travels through by removing your trash before you leave.

Do be self-sufficient. Many areas through which the race passes are remote and without conveniences, so, make sure to bring appropriate clothing, sunscreen (hopefully), food and water.

STAGE 3 SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

In cooperation with race organizers, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) will be restricting motorized traffic on Del Puerto Canyon Road, San Antonio Valley Road, Mt. Hamilton Road and Sierra Road on the morning of the race. Only local residents will be allowed past closures on these roads. After meeting with local residents, these closures have been put in place to lessen any negative impacts of the race on the community. Bicycle and pedestrian traffic will not be restricted until the arrival of the race caravan.

STAGE 6 SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

In cooperation with race organizers, the CHP will restrict vehicular access to Balcom Canyon Road once it is determined that all parking locations are taken. From this time forward, only bicycles and pedestrians will be allowed on the road until it is completely shut down with the arrival of the race caravan.

HOW THE RACE CARAVAN WORKS

During the Amgen Tour of California, the caravan will be escorted by the California Highway Patrol. Sections of the route will be closed as the race approaches, so please allow plenty of time to arrive before the first scheduled ETA of the peloton. There will be a large number of law enforcement, staff and team vehicles inside the "envelope" of the race. The "Command" vehicle - a CHP SUV - will "mark" the arrival of the race. From this point until the tail of the race, there may be one or more groups of racers and many additional vehicles. It is important not to enter the roadway until you see the "Broom Wagon" and "End of Convoy" vehicle. Remember that there may be groups of racers behind the main group of riders.

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