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2014 Amgen Tour of California to Ride Through Palmdale on May 16

PALMDALE – The Amgen Tour of California, the largest cycling event in America and one of the top races in the world, will be coming through Palmdale on Friday, May 16.

Stage 6 of the race will start in Santa Clarita at 11:35 a.m. and finish at Mountain High North at approximately 3:45 p.m. Featuring some of the top cyclists in the world, including Olympic athletes and Tour of France competitors, the cyclists will pedal through Palmdale roughly between 1:40 and 2:30 p.m.

The peloton will enter Palmdale city limits as they head east on Elizabeth Lake Road after turning right from San Francisquito Canyon Road. They will continue east on Elizabeth Lake Road, then make a right and head south onto Tierra Subida, across from the Palmdale Regional Medical Center. Continuing south on Tierra Subida, the cyclists will cross Ave. S and head towards Barrel Springs Road, where they will turn left and head east. They will proceed on Barrel Springs until they come to Sierra Highway, where they will turn right and head south. Once they reach Pearblossom Highway, the racers will turn right and pedal towards Angeles Forest Highway where they will begin a trek through the foothills taking Mt. Emma road east on their way to Mountain High in Wrightwood.

Residents are invited to come out and watch the race along the route.

Now in its ninth year, the 2014 Amgen Tour of California promises the strongest peloton from top to bottom yet, featuring a roster complete with Olympians, World and

National Champions, Grand Tour stage winners, and the only cyclist to win the Tour de France and Olympic gold in the same year (Team Sky's Bradley Wiggins in 2012).

“Each year, our goal is to make the Amgen Tour of California the best one yet, and I believe this is going to be an absolutely unprecedented year of racing with so many top performers at the international level,” said Kristin Bachochin, executive director of the race and senior vice president of AEG Sports. “We are eager for fans to experience the thrill of watching some of the most accomplished cyclists in the world competing here in California.”

The 2014 Amgen Tour of California will feature 16 of the top teams in the world battling for victory across more than 720 miles of iconic California terrain from Sacramento to Thousand Oaks, passing through 10 other host communities in between. Whether competing for the overall title, or vying to shake things up on the course for a stage win, some of the most exciting moments of racing are expected from a field highlighted by:

General Classification (Overall Contenders)

- Peter Stetina (USA), BMC Racing Team
- Tom Danielson (USA), Team Garmin-Sharp
- Janier Alexis Acevedo (COL), Team Garmin-Sharp
- Bradley Wiggins (GBR), Team Sky
- Joe Dombrowski (USA), Team Sky
- Laurens Ten Dam (NED), Belkin Pro Cycling Team
- Lawson Craddock (USA), Team Giant-Shimano
- Leopold König (CZE), Team NetApp-Endura
- Matthew Busche (USA), Trek Factory Racing

- Haimar Zubeldia (ESP), Trek Factory Racing
- Tanner Putt (USA), Bissell Development Team

Sprinters

- Peter Sagan (SVK), Cannondale Pro Cycling
- Mark Cavendish (GBR), Omega Pharma – Quick-Step Cycling Team
- Tom Boonen (BEL), Omega Pharma – Quick-Step Cycling Team
- Thor Hushovd (NOR), BMC Racing Team
- Danny Van Poppel (NED), Trek Factory Racing
- Matthew Goss (AUS), ORICA-GreenEDGE
- John Degenkolb (GER), Team Giant-Shimano
- Fred “Freddie” Rodriguez (USA), Jelly Belly Cycling Team p/b MAXXIS
- Juan Jose Haedo (ARG), Team Jamis-Hagens Berman p/b Sutter Home
- Ryan Anderson (CAN), Optum Pro Cycling p/b Kelly Benefit Strategies

Climbers

- Janier Alexis Acevedo (COL), Team Garmin-Sharp
- Phil Gaimon (USA), Team Garmin-Sharp
- Tom Danielson (USA), Team Garmin-Sharp
- Amäel Moinard (FRA), BMC Racing Team
- Michael Schär (SUI), BMC Racing Team
- Peter Stetina (USA), BMC Racing Team
- Josh Edmondson (GBR), Team Sky
- Joe Dombrowski (USA), Team Sky
- Markel Irizar Aranburu (ESP), Trek Factory Racing

- Haimar Zubeldia (ESP), Trek Factory Racing
- Leopold König (CZE), Team NetApp-Endura
- Tiago Machado (POR), Team NetApp-Endura
- Matt Cooke (USA), Team Jamis-Hagens Berman p/b Sutter Home

Stage Win Contenders (One-Day Strongmen)

- Greg Van Avermaet (BEL), BMC Racing Team
- Thor Hushovd (NOR), BMC Racing Team
- Taylor Phinney (USA), BMC Racing Team
- Ben King (USA), Team Garmin-Sharp
- Lachlan David Morton (AUS), Team Garmin-Sharp
- Niki Terpstra (NED), Omega Pharma – Quick-Step Cycling Team
- Jens Voigt (GER), Trek Factory Racing
- Jesse Sergent (NZL), Trek Factory Racing
- Ted King (USA), Cannondale Pro Cycling
- Lars Boom (NED), Belkin Pro Cycling Team
- Sergei Tsvetkov (ROU), Team Jelly Belly p/b MAXXIS
- Tom Boonen (BEL), Omega Pharma – Quick-Step Cycling Team

Time Trialists

- Bradley Wiggins (GBR), Team Sky
- Taylor Phinney (USA), BMC Racing Team
- Maciej Bodnar (POL), Cannondale Pro Cycling
- Rohan Dennis (AUS), Team Garmin-Sharp
- Jack Bobridge (AUS), Belkin Pro Cycling

- Lawson Craddock (USA), Team Giant-Shimano
- Jens Voigt (GER), Trek Factory Racing
- Martin Velits (SVK), Omega Pharma – Quick-Step Cycling Team
- Tom Zirbel (USA), Optum Pro Cycling p/b Kelly Benefit Strategies

For further information on the **2014 Amgen Tour of California**, and to view the **2014 Amgen Tour of California** map, visit www.AmgenTourofCalifornia.com.

About the Amgen Tour of California

The Amgen Tour of California is a Tour de France-style cycling road race created and presented by AEG that challenges the world's top professional cycling teams to compete along a demanding course that traverses hundreds of miles of California's iconic highways, byways and coastlines each spring. The teams chosen to participate have included Olympic medalists, Tour de France contenders and World Champions. More information is available at www.amgentourofcalifornia.com.

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