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2013 AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS *Come be part of America's Largest Cycling Event*

Santa Barbara, CA (February 21, 2013) — The highlight of the U.S. cycling calendar is nearly here, and fans have the unique opportunity to experience America's most prestigious professional cycling stage race, the 2013 **Amgen Tour of California**, from the inside.

Race organizers are recruiting nearly 350 volunteers to assist with the race finish and nearly 250 to assist with the race start along the course in Santa Barbara, May 15 – 16, 2013 respectively. Volunteer registration is now open at www.amgentourofcalifornia.com.

As one of the most anticipated professional cycling races on the international calendar, the **Amgen Tour of California** draws the world's top cyclists to the Golden State to compete in front of millions of fans, as well as an international television audience. In 2013, for the first time in its eight years, the race will run from south to north, visiting 12 host cities for official stage starts and finishes.

Most of the volunteer positions available are Course Marshals, a critical race duty. Course Marshals are assigned along the race course to assist race staff and local law enforcement authorities in each city. They have the opportunity to be on the race route and close to the cyclists, helping to monitor pedestrian traffic, barricades and road closures.

"The **Amgen Tour of California** is the largest outdoor sporting event in California, and it literally takes a village to ensure the race and spectator experience is the best of any cycling event in the nation," said Kristin Bachochin, executive director of the race and senior vice president of AEG Sports. "Our volunteers are the backbone of the race, not only in terms of the logistical support they provide, but in spreading their passion and enthusiasm for cycling to the millions of fans who will turn out across the state."

Some of the course marshal volunteers will be selected for other race related services, such as media support, security and volunteer check-in. Volunteers must be over the age of 18 or accompanied by an adult. After filling out the online form at www.amgentourofcalifornia.com, applicants will be contacted periodically by their local organizing committee with further information.

Schedule and route for the 2013 Amgen Tour of California:

- Stage 1: Sunday, May 12 – Escondido
- Stage 2: Monday, May 13 – Murrieta to Greater Palm Springs
- Stage 3: Tuesday, May 14 – Palmdale to Santa Clarita
- Stage 4: Wednesday, May 15 – Santa Clarita to Santa Barbara
- Stage 5: Thursday, May 16 – Santa Barbara to Avila Beach
- Stage 6: Friday, May 17 – San Jose (Individual Time Trial)
- Stage 7: Saturday, May 18 – Livermore to the Summit of Mount Diablo
- Stage 8: Sunday, May 19 – San Francisco to Santa Rosa

About the Amgen Tour of California

The largest cycling event in America, the **2013 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 from May 12-19, 2013. For more information, please visit www.AmgenTourofCalifornia.com.

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Highway 101, Amtrak train or Greyhound bus or by flying into Santa Barbara Municipal Airport or Los Angeles International Airport. For travel and accommodation information and to request a free copy of the official *Santa Barbara County Visitors Magazine*, contact the Santa Barbara Conference & Visitors Bureau and Film Commission at 800.676.1266, 805.966.9222, tourism@santabarbaraca.com or santabarbaraca.com. Visitor information is also available at the Visitor Center, 1 Garden Street (at Cabrillo Boulevard).

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