

**2009 AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CURRICULUM
RELEASED TO PASO ROBLES EDUCATORS FOR 4TH-6TH GRADE INSTRUCTION**

*Endorsed by Governor Schwarzenegger, Curriculum Contains Lessons to
Encourage Students to Practice Bike Safety and Live Healthy Lifestyles*

PASO ROBLES (November 20, 2008) – In preparation for the highly anticipated return of the ***Amgen Tour of California*** professional cycling road race in February 2009, a specially developed classroom curriculum has been developed for fourth- through sixth-grade students. The educational handbook will be distributed to schools in the 16 California cities that will host the ***2009 Amgen Tour of California***.

Already considered cycling's most important and successful road race in the United States, the ***2009 Amgen Tour of California*** will be expanded to cover more than 800 miles over nine days. The event's fourth running is scheduled for February 14-22, 2009, and will showcase some of the world's top professional cycling teams. Traveling almost the entire length of California on a demanding course, the race will begin in the state's capital, Sacramento, and end in San Diego County for the first time.

Through interactive lessons, the 2009 educational handbook will teach students about the history of cycling and includes bike safety and maintenance tips. Provided to more than 60,000 students, the booklet also provides information about the State of California, including targeted lesson plans that use cycling as a means to teach core subjects.

"We are proud to work with the ***Amgen Tour of California*** in bringing you an educational booklet for students in grades four through six," said Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in his opening note to teachers. "This informative handbook – which includes valuable lessons in bike safety and maintenance, history, geography, science and math – can help make our kids safer, smarter and healthier."

Classroom activities such as weather charting and word searches allow educators to reach students with engaging material developed specifically to supplement the curriculum of students in grades four through six. The handbook also includes a lesson on world geography, as it relates to cyclists that have participated in the race, math, science and a cycling glossary to help students better understand the intricacies of professional cycling.

"Part of the mission of the ***Amgen Tour of California*** is to give back to the communities that we visit," said Andrew Messick, president, AEG Sports, presenter of the race. "We always see such an incredible level of support from young people throughout the state during the race, so we designed this curriculum to further engage young Californians; not only get them excited about cycling, but also educate them on how to lead an active lifestyle and ensure they have the necessary tools to develop healthy habits at a young age."

"The Educational Handbook is an integral part of the **Amgen Tour of California** stage finish in Paso Robles and one of the key reasons Paso Robles is so excited about the bike race celebrating its Stage 6 Finish here," said Lisa Solomon, Chief of Police and Chair of the Local Organizing Committee for the **Amgen Tour of California**. "Elementary school students in Paso Robles will learn about professional cycling while still fulfilling all educational requirements for their grade levels. There is math, science, history, geography, art, bike safety and more included in the curriculum, and it's presented in a way that will really engage kids. We're looking forward to seeing our local students celebrate race day on February 19th."

Host cities along the route will augment the curriculum with exciting activities targeted to students. In Paso Robles third through fifth grade students will incorporate aspects of the cycling curriculum into their existing Art Docent program with an art project presented to them during the months of December and January. "The (Amgen Tour of California) curriculum provides good ideas and dynamic images for the students' art project," says Jeanne Aird, coordinator of the Art Docent program. "Cycling is a great subject for their art project, as students will capture speed, symmetry and the color that are important to teach in art."

Building on last year's third annual stage race, which attracted 1.6 million spectators, the **2009 Amgen Tour of California** will visit 16 host cities for official stage starts and finishes, with communities along the route getting the chance to see firsthand a lineup of some of the best and most recognizable teams in the world. Host cities for the nine stages include: Sacramento, Davis (new city for 2009), Santa Rosa, Sausalito, Santa Cruz (new city for 2009), San Jose, Modesto, Merced (new city for 2009), Clovis (new city for 2009), Visalia (new city for 2009), Paso Robles (new city for 2009), Solvang, Santa Clarita, Pasadena, Rancho Bernardo (new city for 2009) and Escondido (new city for 2009).

For additional information on the 2009 Amgen Tour of California, please visit www.amgentourofcalifornia.com.

About the Amgen Tour of California

The largest cycling event in America, the **2009 Amgen Tour of California** is a Tour de France-style cycling road race, presented by AEG, that challenges the world's top professional cycling teams to compete along a demanding, recently expanded, more than 800-mile course from Sacramento to Escondido from February 14-22, 2009.

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