



## FACT SHEET

### 2008 Greenville Hospital System USA Cycling Professional Championships

**WHAT:** 2008 marks the third consecutive year for the **Greenville Hospital System USA Cycling Professional Championships** to be held in Greenville, S.C. This dual championship features the USA Cycling Professional Individual Time Trial Championship on Aug. 30 and the USA Cycling Professional Road Race Championship on Aug 31. The prestigious Stars and Stripes jerseys will be awarded to the best male professional athletes in each discipline. The event is sanctioned by USA Cycling Inc., and is licensed to Medalist Sports. Greenville Hospital System is the title sponsor.

The **Stars and Stripes Challenge** fundraising events will be held the morning prior to each featured championship. On Saturday the Stars and Stripes Challenge will feature a new 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk. This benefits the Greenville Hospital System Oncology Research Institute and Activate Upstate. On Sunday the Stars and Stripes Challenge cycling event will allow recreational riders to take the same route as the pros. This benefits The Lance Armstrong Foundation and Greenville Hospital System Oncology Research Institute.

**WHEN:** Labor Day weekend, **August 30-31**, 2008. ITT starts at 11 a.m. Saturday and RR starts at 1 p.m. Sunday.

**WHERE:** The Individual Time Trial will be held on a new 20.7-mile course at Clemson University – International Center for Automotive Research in Greenville, S.C. The Road Race will be held on a 115-mile course featuring a new start/finish at South Main & Camperdown streets in the West End section of downtown Greenville. There will be four long circuits of 22 miles each with climbs up Paris Mountain (on Furman University side), and six shorter circuits. Fans in downtown Greenville will see the race pass 10 times.

**WHO:** The defending champion of the Professional Individual Time Trial is David Zabriskie (Garmin-Chipotle) of Salt Lake City, UT, who won in 2006 and 2007 in Greenville. The defending champion of the Professional Road Race is Levi Leipheimer (Team Astana) of Santa Rosa, Calif. Fields for both events will be comprised solely of U.S. citizens, who are also members of UCI-registered trade teams.

**WEB SITE:** For more information visit [www.usacyclingchampionships.com](http://www.usacyclingchampionships.com)

#### **Saturday, August 30**

- 🚲 8:00 a.m. - Stars and Stripes Challenge 5K Run at CU-ICAR
- 🚲 8:15 a.m. – One-Mile Fun Run/Walk at CU-ICAR
- 🚲 10:30 a.m. - Hospitality opens
- 🚲 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Individual Time Trial Championship at CU-ICAR
- 🚲 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Greenville Rocks concert presented by Rock Racing and Rock 101FM at the Peace Center Amphitheatre with music by StoneEcho

#### **Sunday, August 31**

- 🚲 7:30 a.m. - Stars & Stripes Challenge fundraising bicycle ride in West End
- 🚲 10:00 a.m. - BI-LO Family Fun Ride in Falls Park
- 🚲 11:00 a.m. – 6 p.m. - Health & Wellness Expo and Hospitality open in West End
- 🚲 11:00 a.m. - BI-LO Family Activity Zone presented by POWERade in Falls Park
- 🚲 12 Noon – Hospitality and Autograph Alley open
- 🚲 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Road Race Championship in downtown Greenville
- 🚲 1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. - POWERade Kid's Bicycle Races, ages 3-12 (register by 1pm)

