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## **VIEWERS GUIDE TO AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA RACE WEEK**

### **WHO:**

Spectators, volunteers, residents, visitors, businesses, sponsors, media, cycling enthusiasts and anyone who enjoys special events and community support.

### **WHAT:**

Cycling fans can begin plotting their roadside viewing points along the 2018 [Amgen Tour of California](#) route.

### **WHERE TO WATCH:**

Race headquarters: Heavenly Mountain Resort California Base Lodge  
3860 Saddle Rd, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

- [Women's Stage 2](#) start/finish in South Shore 70-mile stage over the 7,740' summit of Luther Pass. A quick descent will take the riders into the spectacular Carson River Basin and on a loop through the Washoe Reservation before heading northeast into Nevada. A left turn will take them north on Kingsbury Grade. This 8-mile climb gains 2,700' in elevation. The descent back to South Lake Tahoe will provide beautiful views of the lake and the surrounding mountains.
- [Men's Stage 6](#) finish in South Shore 123-mile stage features more than 16,000 feet of climbing, including Kingsbury Grade for the first time and an uphill finish. The elevation in Folsom is just 275'. The racers will climb to 8,600' cresting Carson Pass and finish at Heavenly at 6,600'.
- Top places to watch include: Cornelian Dr. and Hwy 89, Luther Pass, Foothill Road and Kingsbury Grade intersection, Kingsbury Grade and Tramway, Heavenly Village, Ski Run Blvd.
- For route maps visit: [www.tahoessouth.com/amgen](http://www.tahoessouth.com/amgen).

### **WHEN:**

Friday, May 18

- Start/finish line festival 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Women's Stage 2 race starts at approximately 11 a.m. with 2:18 p.m. finish.
- Men's Stage 6 starts at approximately 10 a.m. from Folsom with a 3:21 p.m. finish.
- Awards and press conference to follow.
- Recommend to arrive earlier if you want to catch the finish.

### **WHY:**

Lake Tahoe is one of the country's top cycling destination that attracts top athletes and Olympians from around the world including 115+ cyclists competing in the Amgen Tour of California. These champions will climb, descend and break away along steep and winding stretches of the Sierra at speeds up to 50 mph.

### **NOTES:**

#### **Temporary Road Closures**

Event organizers plan for minimal traffic delays, Friday, May 18 between 10:45 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. with rolling road closures. Residents, businesses and visitors are encouraged to host viewing parties and cheer for racers as

they pass. Officials advise to plan for 30 minutes on each side of an intersection arrival time, and to plan ahead as Kingsbury Grade will close from approximately 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. More details visit: <https://tahoesouth.com>.

**Event Details/Parking:**

The free start/finish line festival features exhibitors, family activities, awareness education for cancer and cardiovascular, and food/beverage for purchase. Attendees are encouraged to carpool, bike and/or utilize the **free shuttle**, on a continuous loop available from 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Friday, May 18. The pick-up location is 1051 Ski Run Blvd. (cross street is Paradise Avenue a block behind Red Hut complex) and will drop off at Heavenly Mountain Resort’s California Base Lodge.

TUNE IN	
<b>PREVIEW SHOW</b>  May 6 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM PT	
<b>LIVE COVERAGE</b> 	<b>DAILY RACE RECAP</b> 
May 13 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM PT	May 13 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM PT
May 14 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM PT	May 14 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM PT
May 15 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM PT	May 15 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM PT
May 16 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM PT	May 16 10:00 PM - 11:00 PM PT
May 17 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM PT	May 17 10:00 PM - 11:00 PM PT
May 18 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM PT	May 18 10:00 PM - 11:00 PM PT
May 19  12:00 PM - 2:00 PM PT	May 19  7:30 PM - 9:30 PM PT
<b>WOMEN'S RACE RECAP</b>  May 25 10:00 PM - 11:30 PM PT	
<b>AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA APP</b> DAILY LIVE COVERAGE NIGHTLY WOMEN'S RACE RECAP SHOW COMPLETE TEAM AND RIDER PROFILES MEN'S & WOMEN'S STAGE MAPS LIFESTYLE FESTIVAL EXPO INFORMATION  	

\*Times subject to change



The 2018 Amgen Tour of California broadcast schedule follows including an extensive preview show, daily live coverage and nightly encores. The Tour Tracker app will feature daily live video coverage of the final two hours of each stage, live race situation updates, full location data and up-to-the-minute text commentary throughout the race.

The Amgen Tour of California returns to South Lake Tahoe May 18 with race headquarters for start/finish at Heavenly Mountain Resort California Base Lodge. Top places to watch include: Cornelian Dr. and Hwy 89, Luther Pass, Foothill Road and Kingsbury Grade intersection, Kingsbury Grade and Tramway, Heavenly Village, Ski Run Blvd.  
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**About the Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority**

Set at 6,300 feet, South Lake Tahoe is the only destination in the country that combines two strikingly different worlds: spectacular natural beauty and desirable resort amenities. The combination of outdoor summer activities includes hiking, biking, kayaking, golfing, swimming, fishing and boat cruises along with 24-hour nightclubs, fine dining, gaming and entertainment. For information about lodging, recreation and family packages at Lake Tahoe South Shore, call the Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority, 1-800-AT-TAHOE (1-800-288-2463) or go to [www.TahoeSouth.com](http://www.TahoeSouth.com).

**About Carson Valley:**

Nestled at the base of the Sierra Nevada, Carson Valley begs visitors to not just drive through it, but to it. Located 45 minutes south of Reno-Tahoe International Airport and 12 miles east of South Lake Tahoe, the region's natural beauty is legendary: wide-open farms, ranches, bands of wild horses and birds of prey dot the landscape. Outdoor recreation enthusiasts follow all points of the compass with more than 50+ miles of hiking, mountain biking or walking trails along with world class road biking. The valley's museums, arts, antiques, Basque dining, historic watering holes and more add to the destination's authentic culture. The region includes the communities of Minden, Gardnerville, Topaz Lake and Genoa, Nevada's first settlement dating back to 1851. Explore the land of everyday legends at [VisitCarsonValley.org](http://VisitCarsonValley.org).

**About the Amgen Tour of California**

The Amgen Tour of California and the Amgen Tour of California Women's Race empowered with SRAM are Tour de France-style cycling road races created and presented by AEG. Running concurrently, the races challenges the world's top professional cycling teams to compete along demanding courses that traverse 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, and important, world-ranking points are awarded to the top finishers. More information is available at [amgentourofcalifornia.com](http://amgentourofcalifornia.com).