



Bikes & Bites Event at the College of the Canyons Canyon Country Campus

In May, the College of the Canyons Canyon Country campus, with support from the City of Santa Clarita, will host a community bike ride and gourmet truck food festival designed to inspire local cycling enthusiasts to get back on the bike and learn more about the college and its campus in Canyon Country.

Bikes and Bites: A Canyon Country Campus Food Fest and Fun Ride will be held Saturday, May 14, in anticipation of the upcoming Amgen Tour of California — particularly the race's Stage 8 start, being held May 22, in Santa Clarita.

The event will begin at approximately 9 a.m. with an 8.5-mile "bike" ride from the Canyon Country campus to nearby Discovery Park, and back to campus. After the ride, all participants and com-

munity members will be invited onto campus for a few "bites" during the post-ride food festival, beginning at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Including gourmet food trucks, campus activities, college and event supporter vendor booths and a variety of prizes and giveaways, the festival will also provide those community members who have yet to see the Canyon Country campus an opportunity to experience it for the first time.

"Cycling is a great way to enjoy our community and support a healthy, active lifestyle," said Dr. Dena Maloney, Vice President of the Canyon Country Campus and Economic Development. "We have offered a mountain biking class at the campus in the past, so this event seemed to be a natural fit with our outreach efforts.

"A fun ride and food fest is the perfect way to spend a beautiful Saturday in Canyon Country," added Maloney.

The Bikes and Bites fun ride is open to all cyclists and community members aged 12 and older. All riders must wear a helmet and observe common road safety regulations during the ride.

The post-ride food festival portion of the event is free. However, to participate in the cycling aspect of the event riders will need to register in advance and pay the associated registration fee:

- Single Rider — \$25
- Youth Rider (age 12 or above) — \$10
- Group Rider (group of four or more) — \$20 per rider

Event organizers are actively pursuing support from Santa Clarita Valley businesses and institutions and welcome the interest of organizations wishing to get involved.

Scholarship donations will be directed to the Canyon Country Campus

Scholarship Fund, which will provide increased educational opportunities for students and community members of all ages.

Net proceeds from the registration fees will be directed toward Canyon Country campus improvement projects.

"Participating in Bikes & Bites is a great way for the entire family to begin an active weekend, taste some gourmet foods and experience the Canyon Country campus," said Ryan Theule, Assistant Dean of Student Services at the Canyon Country campus. "Coinciding with this event, the establishment of a scholarship fund will make a true difference in our community and provide for the educational future of our students."

For more information about Bikes and Bites: A Canyon Country Campus Food Fest and Fun Ride or to pre-register to ride in the event please visit www.canyons.edu/Offices/CCC/bikesand-bites.asp.

