

Myriad events lead up to Amgen bike race in Tahoe

Lake Tahoe is hosting a 10-day celebration as a countdown before May's Amgen Tour of California starts in Stateline.



May 5: Hard Rock Cafe at Harveys Lake Tahoe is hosting the official Amgen Tour of California kick-off party, with a percentage of the evening's proceeds donated to Amgen's title sponsor, Breakaway from Cancer, an initiative that helps empower people affected by cancer.

May 6: Sammy Hagar and the Wabos will be playing at Harrah's South Shore Room on Friday and Saturday, while the historic Bar of America in Truckee will host DJ Zeb Early.

May 7: Tahoe's nightclubs will be stocked and ready for weekend partiers. Opal, Vex and Crystal Bay Club, along with the Village at Squaw Valley, will keep the beats bumping May 6-7 and 13-14.

May 8-10: At South Shore casinos throughout the week, visitors and locals can view One Voice Starring Bethany Owen at the Horizon, The Improv at Harveys with host and emcee Howie Nave, and the Party with Arty at Harrah's Lake Tahoe.

May 11: The Biking for a Better World Winemaker Dinner is at PlumpJack Squaw Valley Inn. Dinner will support an organization that brings accessibility to communities in need around the world.

May 12: The Slow Rollers Bicycle Club presents the Spirit Bike Parade where all types of bikes and costumes are encouraged – almost mandatory. Bikes will be rolling from the Y in South Tahoe to MontBleu in Stateline.

In North Lake Tahoe, the Squaw Valley Institute hosts Soulcycler, Around the World Bike Tour with South Tahoe photographer/cycling enthusiast Rick Gunn.

Barton Health 2011 Lecture Series features topics ranging from nutrition, preventing injuries, maximizing performance and more at Embassy Suites from 6–8pm.

May 13: The Opening Gala and Official Team Introduction at MontBleu Resort Casino & Spa. For a black tie evening.

The Village at Squaw Valley will hosts a free outdoor cycling movie, “Breaking Away “(1979), directed by Peter Yates and starring Dennis Quaid.

The Crystal Bay Club will have Jackie Greene and Band until the early morning hours.

May 14: The inaugural Start at the Top – Lake Tahoe Legends Ride, allows cycling enthusiasts to ride the Stage 1 first lap

The North Lake Tahoe Bike Swap, the Tahoe City Street Dance and the 3rd Annual Wellness Weekend at the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe.

Eric Burdon & the Animals will be playing at Harrah’s South Shore Room on the eve of the Stage 1 start.