

Tara Llanes Classic mountain bike event returning to Northstar

Registration is open for the 2012 Tara Llanes Classic at Northstar on Sept. 29-30.

TLC offers cross country, super D and industry cup (a team event for anyone working in the mountain bike industry) events, as well as a Shimano kids race and a screening of "Where the Trail Ends", a Red Bull media house and freeride entertainment feature-length film by Derek Westerlund.

First held in 2007 to help Tara cover her medical costs after a crash left her paralyzed from the waist down that ended her 15-year racing career, the TLC now raises funds for spinal cord research and for mountain bikers who have suffered life-altering injuries.

In 2011, the event raised more than \$40,000 for a variety of groups, including the Reeve-Irvine Research Center, the Center of Restorative Exercise and the Tara Llanes Road to Recovery Fund. The Tara Llanes Road to Recovery Fund provides injured mountain bikers financial grants for equipment, rehabilitation, and long-term disability assistance. The event raises funds through sponsorship, registrations fees, retail sales and a successful raffle each year.

Event descriptions and registration information may be found online.