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## **Race Syracuse's Tour in All its Glory** ***Syracuse Race Weekend is Just Around the Corner***

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**SYRACUSE**— Pull out your bicycle or, just simply, the spectator lawn chair; we're less than a month away from the **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Syracuse Race Weekend!** With the help of the [Maxpowercycling.com](http://Maxpowercycling.com) racing team, the Onondaga Cycling Club puts on the **three-event, two-day stage race** attracting top competitors from across the Northeast. So, mark your calendars for May 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>: the dates of this exciting and family-fun-filled cycling competition.

Starting 14 years ago, Syracuse Race Weekend is now one of the Northeast's premier bicycle races. This year's competition consists of three events: a road race, a time trial, and a criterium. New this year is a full time trail, occurring Song Mountain, and a criterium located at Syracuse's Inner Harbor.

Last years race drew over 300 cyclists and treated hundreds of spectators to a fantastic caliber of athletes that included professional and amateur racers from around the Northeast, Canada and beyond. Some of these athletes included:

- Jocelyn Loane of the Australian National Team
- Justin Koelbl - Junior National Champion.
- Glenn Swann - former World Master's Champion
- Chip Berezny and Andrew Buck - National Tandem Champions

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## Event Details

**Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>:** *Two events at Song Mountain*

- 1.) The road race – starting at 10 AM, competitors do battle over distances of 33 to 87 miles while racing from Song Mountain through Otisco Valley and up the fearsome Oak Hill Rd. climb
- 2) The Time Trial – starting 3:30 PM, cyclists individually compete against the clock while racing a 6.5 mile course.

**Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>:** *Syracuse Criterium at the Inner Harbor*

Some call it NASCAR on two wheels; no wonder why it's such a spectator-friendly event! For the uninitiated, the Criterium is a high energy race where competitors pass within inches of one another while racing a circuit. This year's race starts at 9 AM at Syracuse's Inner Harbor.

At **12pm** there is a **FREE Kids Race** for children ages 2 to 14. All children who participate will receive a ribbon. This is a great time to take a break from the adult competition and enjoy this family-friendly event. The Kids Race is also an excellent opportunity for the children to grab a **Free helmet** and helmet fitting provided by Packet TV ([www.packettv.com](http://www.packettv.com)).

So spend a sunny Sunday afternoon with the family at the Inner Harbor where there will be excitement, music and food.

### **About the Onondaga Cycling Club:**

The Onondaga Cycling Club is Central New York's largest cycling club, with a membership of over 500. Among its many programs, events and races the club focuses on promoting the sport of cycling, bike safety, the development of bicycle friendly environments, and cycling as part of a lifelong and healthy lifestyle. Learn more about the Onondaga Cycling Club at <http://onondagacyclingclub.org>.

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