

Sprints and a demanding finishing circuit in Santa Clarita. With the individual time trial late in the tour, there could be several riders separated by just a few seconds. After a start in view of the Santa Barbara shoreline, this will be the last chance for a solid favorite to emerge before the circuit race finale in Long Beach. Once the peloton hits Highway 150, the racers will face two KOMs before passing Lake Casitas and riding into the town of Ojai for the first Sprint of the day. The third KOM is just a few miles outside Ojai, and then the course will head downhill into Santa Paula for the second Sprint of the day among fragrant citrus groves. The ominous Balcom Canyon will be the final climb of the day, where in 2006, nearly 10,000 fans formed a narrow corridor for the riders. The cyclists will end the day with three circuits in Santa Clarita that finish at McBean Parkway at the Valencia Town Center.

#### Stage 7: Long Beach Circuit Race (Sunday, Feb. 25)

Stage 7 is flat, fast, and will be a favorite with spectators, featuring a lot of sprint action as the cyclists race in 10 laps around a circuit course in downtown Long Beach. This course is part of the famous Long Beach Grand Prix course used for the CART race cars, meaning a legacy of roads that are wide and fast. Views of San Pedro Bay and the Pacific Ocean will be visible for the entire course, with a backdrop of the famed Queen Mary in the bay. Organizers expect a hard sprint to the finish; as with all the Grand Tours of Europe, winning the final stage of the 2007 Amgen Tour of California is a prize coveted by the riders

#### **Bikes 4 Kids Utah Makes Top 100**

The recent publishing of Outside Magazine's 'Outside One Hundred' list of top newsworthy athletes, products, gadgets and bold ideas held a pleasant surprise for the Bike 4 Kids Utah non profit organization as they reached number 24 on the countdown.

Bikes 4 Kids Utah earned its ranking by staging a special bicycle festival on Sept. 30, 2006 where it gave away brand new bicycles, helmets and locks to 1,000 underprivileged children in the Salt Lake Valley. Proceeds for the effort were accrued from sponsorships, a fundraising dinner with silent auction and three bicycle rides of varying distance, one of them being a 30-mile ride with Tour de France stage winner Dave Zabriskie.

"We are very excited and honored to be included in 'Outside's' Top 100 List," said Debbie Reid, founder and director of Bikes 4 Kids Utah. "Hopefully sponsors and potential participants will see us mentioned in the list and will want to assist us in raising funds to help even more kids realize the freedom of riding a bike."

Bikes 4 Kids' four-fold mission is to provide a positive education and cycling experience for disadvantaged children, an inexpensive and fun way to get to school, a hobby that will help them get some exercise and a way for them to learn responsibility and safety.

For more information about Bikes 4 Kids Utah, check out their , [website](#).