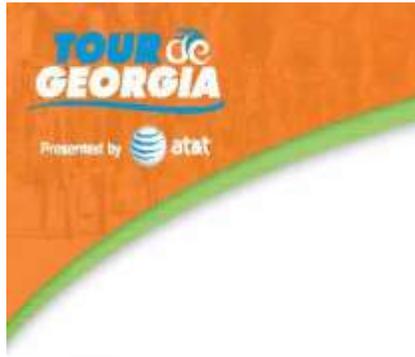


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Tybee Welcomes the Tour de Georgia Peloton in Island Style

Tybee Island, Ga. – (April 18, 2008) Tybee is welcoming the Tour de Georgia participants, staff, and fans to the Island with a series of events. Although Savannah will be kicking things off with a dinner at the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center on Saturday, all are welcome to Tybee's "Party at the Pier" on Sunday evening from 6-10 PM, hosted by the City and the Tybee Island Tourism Council at the Walter J. Parker Pier and Pavilion. The Pavilion is found at the end of Tybrisa Street on the south end of Tybee. *Jim Reed and the Hot Rocks* will be playing from 6 til 8, followed by the *Tybee All-Stars* from 8 to 10. Concessions will remain open late on the Pavilion to provide refreshments for those who don't bring their own.

Monday morning, before the race begins, the Tour de Georgia events begin in earnest with Autograph Alley in the 14th Street parking lot starting at 9 AM. Racing teams will be on hand for fans, along with information booths about other city organizations.

The City has been hard at work over the winter months giving the downtown area on the Strand and Tybrisa a new look and resurfacing the lot and streets. Georgia's DOT came in March, laying down a new surface on Highway 80 from the Lazaretto Creek Bridge all the way down to the end of the highway. To celebrate the finish of these projects and to welcome the Tour de Georgia, the opening ceremonies were postponed until Monday morning. At 9:30 AM, Mayor Jason Buelterman will officially cut the ribbon to open the new roads and lots. Ft. Pulaski National Park staff will be present to fire a cannon blast to herald the cyclists as they advance down the course. **The race begins at 10:30 AM from the Strand.**

The parking lots on the south end of the Island will be closed the morning of the race, so you may want to park near the Lighthouse at the lots in the north end. Tybrisa and the Strand will also be closed Monday morning until noon. A rolling barricade will travel with the peloton around the Island race route from 10:30 until about 11, at which point the racers will be traveling down Highway 80 towards the Bull River Bridge and on to Savannah. To accommodate the racers, travel on or off the Island will be unavailable between 10 and 11:15 AM or until the last racer crosses the bridge. Make sure you take this closure into account if you have business that requires travel in either direction during this time!

More details, including a detailed map of the race route, can be found at the City's web site on the Tour de Georgia link (<http://www.cityoftybee.org/Default.aspx#1324>), or at the Tour de Georgia web site, <http://www.tourdegeorgia.com/>. If you would like to make arrangements to stay at Tybee in advance of the race, there are still hotel rooms and vacation rentals with vacancies. Check out the "Where to Stay" link at <http://www.tybeevisit.com/> to find a vacancy.

For more information about the City of Tybee Island, visit us online at <http://www.cityoftybee.org>.

The Tour de Georgia presented by AT&T is North America's premier, professional cycling event and rolling festival of community activities. The Tour was first held in 2003 and has become a spring tradition with a varying route of close to 660 miles of racing. Over 2.8 million spectators have traveled to Georgia to watch the event in the past five years, and direct economic impact has totaled over \$148 million. The official beneficiary is the Aflac Cancer Center and Blood Disorders Service of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. The event is sanctioned by the Union Cycliste Internationale (2.HC ranking), and is part of the USA Cycling Professional Tour USA Cycling, Inc., making the event one of the top stage races for elite athletes around the world. The Tour de Georgia is owned and operated by the Tour de Georgia Foundation (501 c3) and managed by Medalist Sports (www.medalistsports.com). Route maps, host venue information, merchandise offerings and sponsor news is available at the official website, www.tourdegeorgia.com.

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