

## Press release from Hill 2000

# Giro della Montagna 2005

**(The Hill)** On Sunday, September 4, 2005, The Hill will be alive with the sounds of Blood Sweat and Gears as Hill 2000 welcomes professional cyclists to The Hill as part of the Michelob Ultra Gateway Cup Bicycle Race Series.

Over 150 top ranked professional and amateur cyclists in various divisions will compete in criterium-style races (a short circuit race on a closed course). St. Ambrose Church will be the site of the start/finish line and spectators can expect a festive atmosphere with food, drinks, music and sponsor booths.

The day's festivities will begin at 8:00 with a Giro Fun Ride hosted by Trailnet in cooperation with Hill 2000 and Shaw VPA Community Education Center. For more information on this Family Friendly ride, please visit [www.trailnet.org](http://www.trailnet.org).

The first race will begin at 12:15pm. The Pro Women line up at 3:15 and Pro Men begin at 4:50 p.m.. The popular children's races, which last year featured over 175 participants, will begin at 4:15 p.m.

The Gateway Cup is a series of four races over Labor Day weekend with races on Friday night in Lafayette Square, Saturday morning at Greentree Park in Kirkwood, Sunday afternoon on The Hill and Monday in University City. For additional information on the Gateway Cup, please visit [www.stlbiking.com](http://www.stlbiking.com).

Off site parking can be found at Shaw School, US Bank and Family Dollar, all located in the area of Columbia and Macklind. (**MEDIA PARKING** is at lot located behind St. Ambrose School at Bischoff and Hereford)

Proceeds of the Giro are used for various youth groups in the neighborhood, including the St. Ambrose Boy Scouts, Berra Park Summer Camp, St. Louis 2<sup>nd</sup> District Police Explorers and the St. Ambrose Athletic Association. Proceeds from the Gateway Cup go to The Judy Ride and Lance Armstrong Foundation.

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### **Giro Pasta Dinner**

sponsored by the Italia-America Bocce Club  
2210 Marconi Avenue at Bischoff

**Saturday, September 3**

4:00 - 7:00p.m.

Adults: \$7.00

Children: \$3.50

## **A little history from Joe Torrisi:**

"On Sunday morning, September 4, there will be 600 touring cyclists descending upon Shaw School for a early morning bike ride with choice of 20, 31 or 40 mile routes prior to the Giro professional and amateur bike races. Registration opens at 8:30am till 10am. There is fee for this ride. In the early history of the Giro della Montagna there were two events; the bike tour in the morning and the bike race in the afternoon. The bike tour is returning to Shaw for the first time since 1988. The bike tour is being sponsored by Shaw VPA and The Hill 2000 and organized by Trailnet's Bicycle Fun Club."