

American Mountain Classic-Brian Head, UT

“America’s Richest MTB Stage Race made for everyone”

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Sho-Air International, Team Big Bear and **Blue Wolf** are proud to announce America’s first XC endurance Mountain Bike Stage Race. The event will take place **August 21-24, 2008** in around Brian Head, Utah. Racers will travel 170 miles in four days and climb over 14,000+ feet through some of the most beautiful country & trails found anywhere. The American Mountain Classic-Brian Head is designed to be a true stage race, not a lesson in survival. The course layout will offer a variety of terrain and elevation changes to challenge the world’s top riders, yet allow the amateur racer a chance to complete the entire stage race and wear the American Mountain Classic finisher’s jersey.

America’s Richest MTB Race:

We will be offering the Top Elite Men, Elite Women and Elite Master’s 40+ racers the chance to compete for over \$20,000 in prize money, making the American Mountain Classic the richest U.S MTB stage race ever!
The Elite Men’s Top 5 Payout: \$2,500/\$1,500/\$1,000/\$750/\$600. \$500 bonus to the Winner of each Stage!
Elite Master’s 40+ top 5 Payout: \$1,500/\$1,000/\$750/\$600/\$500. \$250 bonus to Winner of each Stage!
Elite Women’s Top 5 Payout: \$1,000/\$800/\$700/\$550/\$400. \$250 bonus to Winner of each Stage!

Location:

Brian Head, UT sits at 9500 feet just below Brian Head peak. The resort town has a rich racing history by hosting events like the Brian Head Epic 100, The National Mountain Bike Series, the Brian Header as well as being apart of the Inter Mountain Cup. The trail network in and around Brian Head is world class and has received rave reviews from multiple mountain bike magazines over the years. Trails like Thunder Mountain, the Virgin River Rim Trail, Blow Hard, Dark Hallow and Bunker Creek offer racers top notch riding trails and unreal scenery!

Stage Descriptions:

Day #1-Prologue- The American Mountain Classic will start with a 6 mile Prologue on the town trail in Brian Head. Elite Men’s, Women’s and Master 40+ class will be vying to don the race leader’s jersey. Amateur racers will use the pro log in hopes of getting a front row start to the next day’s stage.

Day #2-The Rim- This 55 mile stage will feature 5,000 + feet of climbing, with 30 miles on the Virgin River Rim Trail. The trail winds along Utah’s world famous pink cliffs and offers views of Zion National Park.

Day #3-The Peak- The first 5 miles takes racers to 11,000 feet, just below the Brian Head Peak. At 55 miles and 4,000+ feet of climbing, this loop takes racers out to Lowder Pond, Red Desert, Tippets Valley and offers riders views of Cedar Breaks National Monument, before returning you home.

Day # 4-Dark Hallow- The 2006 National Mountain Bike cross country course will be used for the last day’s stage. The 27 mile course received rave reviews from racers of all abilities and riders will be completing two laps on the course. With nearly 3,000+ feet of climbing per lap, it’s sure to be one of the toughest stages.

Contact Info- Registration opens March 1st. Contact Tom Spiegel for more details (909-633-6729) or e-mail @ Teambigbear@aol.com

