



## GUNNISON-CRESTED BUTTE EVENT SCHEDULE

**Event Schedule on race days includes the following:**

**Townie Crit,** Tuesday August 23, 2011, 11:45 am, Elk Avenue Sprint Line

Kick off the day Crested Butte style by participating in the much anticipated return of the Townie Criterium! Watch or participate as racers speed around town, and through the legendary Talk of the Town on their most coveted bikes of all; their townie bikes. As with all great events in Crested Butte, costumes encouraged! To participate, register on the Brick Oven deck after 10:00 am. The cost is \$10.

**US Handcycling Criterium,** Tuesday August 23, 2011, 1:15 pm, Elk Avenue Sprint Line

As a part of the U.S. Para Cycling Challenge, and in partnership with the Adaptive Sports Center, Crested Butte will host the US Handcycling Criterium on August 23, 2011. Handcyclists will participate in a 30-minute timed race on an 8/10 mile circuit. The race will start at 1:15 p.m. at the Sprint Line for the Pro Race (Elk Avenue between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>). The competition is expected to draw 15 – 20 top Para Cyclists from all over the nation. Awards will take place at 2:00 pm. For more information about the race or to register, please contact Ian Lawless at [ian@ushf.org](mailto:ian@ushf.org) or call 303-459-4159.

**Crested Butte Sprint Line Beer Garden,** Tuesday August 23, 2011, 11:00am – 11:00pm, Crested Butte Sprint Finish Line

Enjoy libations from Sierra Nevada and Avery Brewing Company while watching the race action unfold all day on the jumbotron. Located on the Elk Avenue Sprint line, the beer garden also boasts premier viewing of the Sprint Line, Townie Crit and US Handcycling Criterium. From 7pm to 10pm, challenge your buddies to a simulated 500 meter sprint. Participants will race side by side on stationary bikes for their own taste of victory. Spandex is optional yet encouraged.

**Strider Cup,** Tuesday August 23, 2011, 1:00 pm, Mt. Crested Butte Finish Line

Even the littlest of riders can experience the thrill of racing across the finish line. Stop by the Strider tent in the Festival to register or at the finish line 15 minutes before the race. A very limited number of bikes will be available, please bring your own to ensure a spot for your child. Little racers can race across the finish line at 1:00 or on a special course within the festival throughout the entirety of the day.

**Mt. Crested Butte Finish Festival,** Tuesday August 23, 2011, 11 am – 5 pm, Mt. Crested Butte

In Mt. Crested Butte, the finish line will come alive with a Finish Festival including live music and a “Taste of the Town” planned from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., where you can see the race unfold via live video feeds all while enjoying beverages from Sierra Nevada. Take advantage of food and product vendors, a kids area, two jumbotrons, beer garden, and a live music stage with multiple acts throughout the day. The live music starts at 11:30 with the Fiddling Foresters. Known as the “official old-time string band of the US Forest Service” the Fiddling Foresters are a musical group composed of Forest Service employees and volunteers from the Rocky Mountain Region. Combining toe-tapping music and the message of natural resource conservation, the Foresters are sure to be fun for the whole family. Between sets, enjoy a dance performance from the Crested Butte Collective. At 1:30 Doctor Robert takes the stage. A new generation of Beatles Tribute band, Doctor Robert brings a youthful energy and fresh perspective to an amazing catalog of music. A new generation of

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A new generation of Beatles Tribute Bands that brings a youthful energy and fresh perspective to an amazing catalog of music. The Finish Festivals are the highlight of the finish cities throughout the race with vendors traveling to each city. The finish festivals feature not only the latest bike technology but also a fun-filled atmosphere for the whole family to enjoy.

**Red Lady Stage special performance**, Tuesday August 23, 2011, 5:00 pm, following awards ceremony, Red Lady Stage, Mt. Crested Butte

After the awards ceremony, make your way to the Red Lady Stage for a performance from folk/pop songstress Megan Burtt. Megan was recently honored as one of only 6 2011 NewFolk Competition winners. She has performed at the legendary Red Rocks Amphitheater, shared stages with Braddigan (of Dispatch), Brendan James and Toad the Wet Sprocket, toured listening rooms, clubs, living rooms, prisons and military barracks and is hard at work on two side projects (Travel By Skylark and The Dance Cards) as well as her sophomore recording with The Cure For Love (due early 2012). Bring your lawn chairs, family and friends and enjoy one of the last outdoor concerts in Crested Butte for the summer. Outside alcohol and pets are not allowed.

**Gunnison Pass-Through Day Expo**, Tuesday August 23, 2011, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, Gunnison

Come early to watch the whole stage on the jumbotron set up in downtown Gunnison's IOOF Park at Main Street and Virginia Avenue beginning at 11 a.m. The live action is expected to roar through Gunnison midday sometime between 1:45 - 2:45 p.m. There will be live music, activities for the whole family and a beer garden at this Pass-Through Day Expo until 4 p.m.

**Chase the Race**, Wednesday August 24, 2011, 7:00 am, Crested Butte to Aspen

After watching the spectacular Stage 1 finish in the town of Mt Crested Butte on Aug 23rd, take part in the inaugural '**Chase The Race**' stage to watch the next day's finish in downtown Aspen, CO. On August 24th, as Stage 2 of the USAPCC leaves Gunnison, CO to race over both Cottonwood & Independence Passes en-route to Aspen, we will follow in the tire treads of history, by riding from downtown Crested Butte over historic Pearl Pass, and on into downtown Aspen to catch the Stage 2 finish. Being dubbed '**Chase The Race**', this event is a chance to experience the early rides of some of mountain biking's great pioneers, like Gary Fisher, Tom Breeze, Don Cook, and more, when they used this route as one of the inspirations to help develop the beginnings of the modern day mountain bike. An annual event every September to this day, this will be a special and unique way for cycling enthusiasts to be a part of the sports history and its future. For more information or to save your spot, go to 970 349 5430 or go to [www.crestedbutteguides.com](http://www.crestedbutteguides.com).

**Gunnison Stage Start Expo**, Wednesday August 24, 2011, 8:00 am, Gunnison

The Queen Stage Downtown Expo kicks off in downtown Gunnison at 8 a.m., featuring autograph alley with the cyclists on Tomichi Avenue and Main Street, a vendor expo and a pre-start program complete with color guards, local cycling heroes and the national anthem. Craft your own crown, channel your excitement with a cow bell to send off the riders in style, and stick around to watch the drama of stage two unfold on the Jumbotron at IOOF Park throughout the day. There will be live music, activities for the whole family and a beer garden until the stage finish. Kids on bikes get to race off the official start line at 10:15 a.m.

Gunnison Strider Cup, Wednesday August 24, 2011, 10:15 am, Gunnison



## **STRIDER WORLD CUP**

**WHO:** CHILDREN 2 TO 8 YEARS OLD  
**WHAT:** A STRIDER AND PEDAL BIKE RACE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE START OF THE USA PRO CYCLING CHALLENGE. FREE FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS. THE RACE WILL UTILIZE THE SAME STARTING LINE THAT THE USA PRO CYCLING CHALLENGE PARTICIPANTS USED FOR THEIR 10:00AM START. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE STRIDER BIKE RACE THERE WILL BE A PEDAL BIKE RACE. THE STRIDER BIKE RACE IS FOR CHILDREN 2-4. THE PEDAL BIKE RACE IS FOR CHILDREN 5-8.  
**WHEN:** WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24TH. 2-4 YEAR OLD RACE STARTS AT 10:15AM. THE 5-8 YEAR OLD PEDAL BIKE RACE WILL START IMMEDIATELY AFTER.  
**WHERE:** AT THE USA PRO CYCLING CHALLENGE START LINE LOCATED AT VIRGINIA AND MAIN.  
**MISC:** FREE FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS BUT ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST SIGN A WAIVER. YOU CAN PRE-REGISTER AT THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE STOP BY THE COMMUNITY CENTER OR CALL 641-8060, OR EMAIL [dvollendorf@cityofgunnison-co.gov](mailto:dvollendorf@cityofgunnison-co.gov).

**\* Please note: All events are subject to change**