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USA Cycling names team for Pan AM road & track championships

Colorado Springs, Colo. (April 20, 2009)—USA Cycling announced today the eight-member team that will represent the United States at the Pan American Road and Track Championships May 8-15 in Chihuahua, Mexico.

Three men and five women will travel south of the border for the annual Continental Championships for the Americas where significant international ranking points will be on the line.

The men's road race squad will feature **Cody O'Reilly** (Santa Barbara, Calif.) and **Lanell Rockmore** (Bethlehem, Pa.) teaming up to help earn points toward the United States' U23 Americas Tour rank which will directly determine the number of start positions in this year's UCI World Championships. Both are expected to also contest the time trial event.

In the women's road events, **Katheryn Curi-Mattis** (Mountain View, Calif.), **Rebecca Much** (Chicago, Ill.), **Sarah Hammer** (Temecula, Calif.) and **Kim Geist** (Emmaus, Pa.) will represent the United States. Mattis and Much are scheduled for both the road race and the time trial while Geist and Hammer will compete only in the road race.

The men's track squad features three endurance athletes as **Jimmy Watkins** (Bakersfield, Calif.) will join O'Reilly and Rockmore to contest various track events.

The women's track contingent is comprised of two-time individual pursuit world champion Hammer along with Geist and **Cari Higgins** (Boulder, Colo.) all scheduled to compete in numerous events.

The 2009 Pan American Road and Track Championships begin with the track events May 8-11. The road events begin May 12 with the elite men's and women's time trial before the women's road race on May 14 and the men's road race on May 15.

*2009 Pan American Road and Track Championships
Chihuahua, Mexico
May 8-15
U.S. Team Roster*

Men

- Cody O'Reilly (Santa Barbara, Calif.)
- Lanell Rockmore (Bethlehem, Pa.)
- Jimmy Watkins (Bakersfield, Calif.)

Women

- Katheryn Curi-Mattis (Mountain View, Calif.)
- Rebecca Much (Chicago, Ill.)
- Sarah Hammer (Temecula, Calif.)
- Kim Geist (Emmaus, Pa.)
- Cari Higgins (Boulder, Colo.)

About USA Cycling

Recognized by the United States Olympic Committee and the Union Cycliste Internationale, USA Cycling is the official governing body for all disciplines of competitive cycling in the United States, including road, track, mountain bike, BMX and cyclo-cross. As a membership-based organization and sanctioning body, USA Cycling consists of 64,000+ members, including 57,000 competitive cyclists, 1,500 coaches, 4,000 student-athletes, 2,200 officials, 350 professional cyclists, and 200 certified mechanics. USA Cycling also sanctions 2,500 competitive and non-competitive organized cycling events throughout the United States annually, as well as 1,800 clubs and teams. Associations of USA Cycling include the United States Cycling Federation (road, track & cyclo-cross), the National Off-Road Bicycle Association (mountain bike), the BMX Association, the National Collegiate Cycling Association and the United States Professional Racing Organization. USA Cycling is also responsible for the identification, development, support and promotion of American cyclists through various athletic initiatives and programs including the USA Cycling National Development Team, the USA Cycling Women's National Team, the USA Cycling Junior Development Team, Talent Identification and Regional Development Camps, domestic and international race calendars, direct athlete funding and support programs, and educational camps and seminars. USA Cycling also fields and supports U.S. National Teams for various international events, including the Olympic Games, World Championships, Pan American Games, Continental Championship and World Cups across all levels and disciplines of competitive cycling. USA cycling further supports grass roots and locally-based initiatives through its 32 Local Associations and comprehensive network of licensed and certified coaches and officials. Additionally, USA Cycling conducts National Championship events for amateur and professional cyclists, awarding more than 600 national titles annually to men and women in junior, U23, masters, elite, professional and paralympic categories throughout the various disciplines of competitive cycling. To learn more about USA Cycling, visit www.usacycling.org. For media-related or general inquiries, please contact USA Cycling Director of Communications, Andy Lee at 719-434-4272 or alee@usacycling.org.

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