

# ***MIKE'S BIKES***<sup>®</sup>

## ***Cat's Hill Classic Bicycle Races***

Saturday, April 28, 2018  
8:45 am to 6:00 pm

Start/Finish: Tait at Nicholson  
Los Gatos, CA



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## **2018 BikeReg NCNCA Premeir Series**

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**45<sup>th</sup> Mike's Bikes Cat's Hill Classic on April 28, 2018**

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Welcome to the 2018 edition of the Mike's Bikes Cat's Hill Classic. We know you have many options for fulfilling your cycling addition, be that mountain biking, time trial, cyclocross, or just a weekend ride with the family. So we are excited to provide this unique opportunity to race around beautiful Los Gatos. Staged among historic Victorian homes the Mike's Bikes Cat's Hill Classic bicycle race is renowned as one of the most difficult closed circuit cycling races in the United States! Racers repeatedly climb up the challenging 23% grade of "Cat's Hill" on Nicholson Avenue and complete the mile-long neighborhood loop with a 50+mph hair-raising (now repaved) descent onto the crowd-lined finishing stretch.

Chris Twiggs  
Race Director

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## Event Schedule

Category	Length	Places	Start Time
M Cat 4 & 5	40 min.	6/3	8:45
M Cat 3 + DEVO Junior Boys 15-18 Cat 3	45 min.	6/3	9:35
DEVO Junior Boys 15-18 4/5 and Junior Girls 15-18	30 min.	3/3	10:30
Women 3 & 4/5	40 min.	6/6	11:10
M 35+ 4/5	40 min.	6	noon
Lunch Break/Kid's Ride	N/A	N/A	12:40
M 45+ 1/2/3 & M 55+ 1/2/3	50 min.	6/6	1:10
M 35+ 1/2/3	60 min.	6	2:10
Women Pro/1/2/3 & Women 35+ 1/2/3	50 min.	12/6	3:20
Men Pro/1/2	70 min.	12/3	4:20



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CAT'S HILL COURSE MAP



### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **How do I get to the race?**

Follow HWY 880/17 south from San Jose. Take the Los Gatos-Monte Sereno (Hwy 9) Exit. Turn left on N. Santa Cruz Avenue. Go three blocks to Nicholson. Turn right to the start/finish.

#### **What is parking like?**

Please do not park in any merchant lots!! Please use the Park & Ride lot north of Highway 9 and street parking outside of the course.

#### **What are License Requirements?**

Current USAC license required. One-day licenses will ONLY be available for Cat 5 men and Cat 5 women for \$10.

#### **When does Pre-Registration close?**

Pre-registration closes on midnight (PDT) Thursday, April 26, 2018.

#### **Can I register on the day of the race?**

Yes, onsite registration is available on race day if fields are not full. Registration opens at 8:00 AM and closes 15 minutes before each scheduled race start. Registration is located behind the starting line at the intersection of Tait and Nicholson.

#### **Do Race Officials pull racers from the course?**

At the discretion of Race Officials you may be pulled from the course. Safety for all participants is a guiding factor in determining who and when a racer gets pulled.

#### **Do you offer a discount if I register for multiple races?**

Yes we do! Additional race categories are just \$15 and applies to the lower cost race.

#### **Do you sell T-shirts?**

Yes, Cat's Hill T-shirts will be available for \$10 on race day

#### **Do you offer refunds?**

Sorry, there are NO refunds.

You can transfer your entry to another racer, but it must be in the same category. Send an email [catshillclassicinfo@gmail.com](mailto:catshillclassicinfo@gmail.com) with all the transfer information before pre-registration closes on Thursday, April 26, 2018.

#### **After I win, how do I find the Podium?**

The podium will be in Vendor Alley, just behind Neutral Support and across the street from the start/finish line.

#### **I won a prime, how do I collect it?**

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Primes will be handed out near the podium in Vendor Alley.

### **Can I warm up on the course?**

Before race day, **YES**. Remember this is a residential area and all traffic signs are in effect. Please obey these for both your safety and that of the residents.

On race day, **NO**. For the safety of racers, course officials, spectators, and the setup crews, absolutely no warming up on the course.

### **Where can I eat?**

Looking for something quick and local? In Vendor Alley we'll have a couple of local food vendors available.

If you're looking for more, downtown Los Gatos has numerous restaurants. Here are a few of the race favorites:

Andale Los Gatos Taqueria - 6 North Santa Cruz Avenue

Andale Los Gatos Patio - 21 N. Santa Cruz Avenue

Willow Street Wood Fired Pizza - 20 S Santa Cruz Ave

### **What is Vendor Alley and what can I expect to find there?**

Vendor Alley is located on Nicholson Ave, right across the street from the start/finish line to just below the Cat's Hill. In year's past, it was a location for our sponsors and other vendors to have a presence on race day, but it has expanded to much more than that. Now we also have food vendors, race day t-shirts, and even race team set up.

This year we are happy to announce Dave Keefe Real Estate Team, Left Bend Winery, Athlos custom cycling apparel, Cognition Cyclery, NeoLife International and several others will be setting up booths.

If you are vendor or a race team interested in securing space in Vendor Alley, please contact Barry Gordon at [bgordon@structint.com](mailto:bgordon@structint.com)

### **Will there be neutral support?**

Yes, as always neutral support will on hand and located directly across from the stage. Strong wheels are recommended for the rough concrete sections of this course along a spare set for neutral support. Remember to label your wheels when you leave them at neutral support and don't forget to pick them up after your race.

This year we are happy to announce that Velofix will be on site to host neutral support.

### **Anything new for 2018?**

Great question! You will find that the Town of Los Gatos have concrete repaved the Bachman Avenue downhill into Turn 6 as part of the completed of Phase I of the Almond District repaving program in 2017. This year the top of the Cat's Hill, i.e., the intersection of Nicholson and Glenridge, has been repaved. All the concrete sections of the Cat's Hill course will be repaved over the next three years. However, we still recommend you use a sturdy wheelset as not all the roads have been replaced.



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**AN INVITATION TO KIDS FROM THE CAT'S HILL CLASSIC  
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**Time of Kid's Ride: 12:40 p.m.**

**Registration (mandatory) is from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. or until the first 96 kids have registered, whichever is first.**

**PLEASE NOTE: The limit is 96 registrants, so please register early!**

The legendary Mike's Bikes Cat's Hill Classic invites up to 96 kids, up to age 9, to a special Kid's Ride on the famous Cat's Hill race course. Maybe your child is a potential Greg LeMond, or maybe they just love riding their bike or trike. Bring them to the Kid's Ride and let's have fun together!

The Kid's Ride will be divided into two age groups: Ages 6 and younger and Ages 7 through 9 years old for a total of 96 participants. The kids will get the thrill of crossing the Official Finish Line on Tait and Nicholson Avenues, with all the applause and official announcements. All participants will receive a USA Cycling Junior Olympic medal in this fun race.

Parents must register their children at the Registration Area behind the announcer's stand at the start/finish line on the corner of Tait and Nicholson Avenues. Registration is free, and kids will receive a ride number. Parents or legal guardians must sign a **liability waiver; other adults, neighbors or friends may not register other people's children. Helmets are mandatory** for the Kid's Ride.

The kid's race is approximately 0.2 miles: about one long **flat** block with no turns.

**The Kid's Ride will start promptly at 12:40 pm on the corner of Bean and Tait Avenues, near St. Mary's Church.** After registering, parents and children will assemble at the Staging Area on Bean Avenue, outside the race course, between 12:10 and 12:30 pm. The course will be closed to kids until the Kid's Ride begins. Parents need to be aware that there will be riders racing on the course all day, so parents will need to bring their children **on the sidewalk** from the Registration Area to the Staging Area.