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Cycling Rally to Draw Hundreds of Bike Racers *Spectators can enjoy race action, food, music and more*

LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP (March 28, 2011) – Over 300 bike racers will converge on Lower Providence Township Sunday, April 17 for a full day of fast-paced racing action, the 24th annual Daniel Harwi Memorial Lower Providence Spring Classic Criterium - Pennsylvania's longest-running single day racing event. It will take place on a four-street circuit course in the Township's Valley Forge Corporate Center in the Audubon section of the Township.

The Spring Classic is a long-standing U.S. Cycling Federation event, but it's not only for the "big guns." Every-man weekend warriors are invited to take part, with the race offering beginner, intermediate, professional, women's and junior racing, as well as a charity event for disadvantaged youth through the Cadence Foundation (www.cadencefoundation.org).

In addition to the racing action, Lower Providence Township will host plenty of activities, food, music and games, including the Township's annual Earth Day celebration. All of the fun will be conveniently located on the infield of the race course at Adams Avenue @ Van Buren Avenue, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At the heart of the classic is a fundraiser held in memory of Daniel Harwi, a 16-year-old boy who passed away at a local cycling event nearly ten years ago. The benefit helps raise awareness of the need for boys and girls to learn more about potential cardiac issues, as well providing funds for portable defibrillators to local youth centers

Lower Providence Township residents can race for free, provided they meet race requirements: Purchase a "day-of" USCF license for \$10, wear a helmet and have a bike with two hand brakes and no coaster brakes or kickstands.

Registration opens at 7:15 a.m. and racing will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The course will start on Adams Avenue and run on Eisenhower, Madison and Van Buren. Roads are open to traffic during the day but motorists can expect to be stopped by course marshals to make sure it is safe to proceed. Drivers will only be permitted to go in the direction of the race.

For event information, visit lowerprovidence.org or call 610-635-3543. For race details and registration, go to www.bikereg.com.

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