



Event Listing

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TOP ATHLETES FROM AROUND THE WORLD TO INVADE SAN FRANCISCO FOR ACCENTURE ESCAPE FROM ALCATRAZ TRIATHLON ON JUNE 8

Icy Water Swim, Grueling Road Terrain and Sandy Hill Climbs Deliver Non-stop Action

WHAT:

Hundreds of top athletes from around the world will take over the streets and bay waters of San Francisco for the 28th annual Accenture Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon. Featuring an icy cold 1.5 mile swim from Alcatraz Island to the San Francisco shoreline, an 18 mile hilly bike ride through the Presidio and an eight mile trail run through Golden Gate Recreational Area, this high profile athletic event truly showcases the beauty of San Francisco. This world renowned triathlon, in which only 2,000 triathletes/relay teams can participate, is sold out within hours of the registration opening every year. Fans will not want to miss this world class sporting event at the Marina Green where they can see the swim start and end, the athlete transition areas and the finish line. Spectators also are invited to enjoy the free Fitness Festival & Expo throughout the weekend featuring dozens of vendors, product demonstrations, refreshments and more.

WHEN:

Saturday, June 7, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Fitness Festival & Expo and Registration

Sunday, June 8, 8 a.m. Race Start

12 p.m. Awards Ceremony

7 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Fitness Festival & Expo

WHERE:

Marina Green – Near the St. Francis Yacht Club at 99 Yacht Rd., San Francisco

WHO:

Professional athletes confirmed to race this year include; last year's winner and 2006 International Triathlon Union Team Champion **Andy Potts** from the U.S.; U.S. National Team member and 2006 winner **Matt Reed**; French triathlete and one of the world's fastest swimmers **Benjamin Sanson**; as well as **Pip Taylor**, a member of the world champion Australian Elite Triathlon Team; and **Jenna Shoemaker**, an American and 2012 Olympic hopeful. Athletes participate in the following classes: professional men and women; amateur men and women: 16 and under; 17-19, 20-24; 25-29; 30-34; 35-39; 40-44; 45-49; 50-54; 55-59; 60-64; 65-69; 70-74; 75-79; 80+; CEO challenge; corporate relay; and challenged athletes.

WHY:

A portion of the funds raised through the Accenture Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon will benefit the Challenged Athletes Foundation and the Golden Gate Triathlon Club.

**FOR MORE
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www.escapefromalcatraztriathlon.com

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