Inaugural Caddo Velo Classic to Be Held in Shreveport, March 30-31

Two-day amateur and professional cycling event featuring $20,000 in top prizes will support local cancer center efforts.

SHREVEPORT, La. (PRWEB) February 21, 2019 -- The Caddo Velo Classic, a two-day cycling event, will bring amateur and professional cyclists from across the United States to Shreveport, Louisiana, March 30-31. Two events make up the Caddo Velo Classic: the Criterium races on Saturday, March 30, and the Grand Fondo community ride on Sunday, March 31. Proceeds from the Caddo Velo Classic will support cancer care, cancer education and cancer research taking place locally in Shreveport at Feist-Weiler Cancer Center. Registration for both events is now open online at www.caddoveloclassic.com.

“Due to the rising costs of healthcare and decreases in funding, the Caddo Velo Classic is important to supporting Feist-Weiler Cancer Center. It is our mission to fund cancer research, treatment, and education, and expand cancer screening and cancer prevention programs in our community. Events like the Caddo Velo Classic help us accomplish these goals,” said Dr. Glenn Mills, Director of Feist-Weiler Cancer Center.

During the Caddo Velo Classic Criterium held on Saturday, March 30, all riders from juniors to professionals will compete in criteriums throughout the day on a 0.72 mile tight, technical course through downtown Shreveport. Races begin with the junior category, culminating in the early evening with the Pro/1/2 men and women racing in pursuit of a $10,000 purse for men and a $10,000 purse for women. Prior to the pro events, there will be a kid’s ride free for children ages 10 and under. There will be a total of 11 races. Registration fees vary by category. Registration closes on March 27 at 11:59 p.m. On-site registration prices will increase by $10 on the day of the Criterium.

The Caddo Velo Classic Gran Fondo scheduled for Sunday, March 31 is a community ride open to all riders including professional, amateur and recreational. The Gran Fondo is a 101-mile scenic ride beginning in downtown Shreveport, covering a winding route north of the city through some of the most beautiful and wooded areas in Louisiana. Online registration for the Gran Fondo is $45 and closes on March 27 at 11:59 p.m. On-site registration on the day of the Gran Fondo will be $55. For more information on Caddo Velo Classic events, visit www.caddoveloclassic.com.

For complete information on planning a trip to Shreveport-Bossier, visit www.Shreveport-Bossier.org or call 800-551-8682 to request a free copy of the Official Visitors’ Guide to Shreveport-Bossier.
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