

CLIP-IN *With* CHRISTIAN

THE LITTLE NELL - ASPEN, COLORADO

AUGUST 14 - 18, 2022



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 - ARRIVAL DAY

	2 - 5 PM Ventum Bike Fitting in the Grand Salon	4 PM Hotel Check-In	5 PM Option for a Group Warm Up Ride - Meet in Lower Gondola Plaza	7 PM Welcome Reception in The Wine Bar and Terrace - Presented by Hublot
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MONDAY, AUGUST 15

7 - 9 AM Breakfast Buffet at your leisure at Element 47	8:45 AM Meet in the Lower Gondola Plaza	9 AM RIDE USA Pro Cycling Challenge Loop	1 PM Lunch at Ajax Tavern	7 PM Dinner at Element 47
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

7 - 9 AM Breakfast Buffet at your leisure at Element 47	8:45 AM Meet in the Lower Gondola Plaza	9 AM RIDE Ashcroft Out + Back	1 PM Lunch at Element 47	6 PM Cocktail Reception in the ASPENX store 7 PM Dinner at Ajax Tavern
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

7 - 9 AM Breakfast Buffet at your leisure at Element 47	8:45 AM Meet in the Lower Gondola Plaza	9 AM RIDE Independence Pass	12 PM Lunch at Ajax Tavern	7 PM Farewell Dinner at Element 47 *Cocktail Attire
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

RIDING DETAILS

MONDAY, AUGUST 15 USA PRO CYCLING CHALLENGE LOOP TOPO KIT	TUESDAY, AUGUST 16 ASHCROFT OUT + BACK PINK COLOR BLOCK KIT	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17 INDEPENDENCE PASS FLORAL KIT
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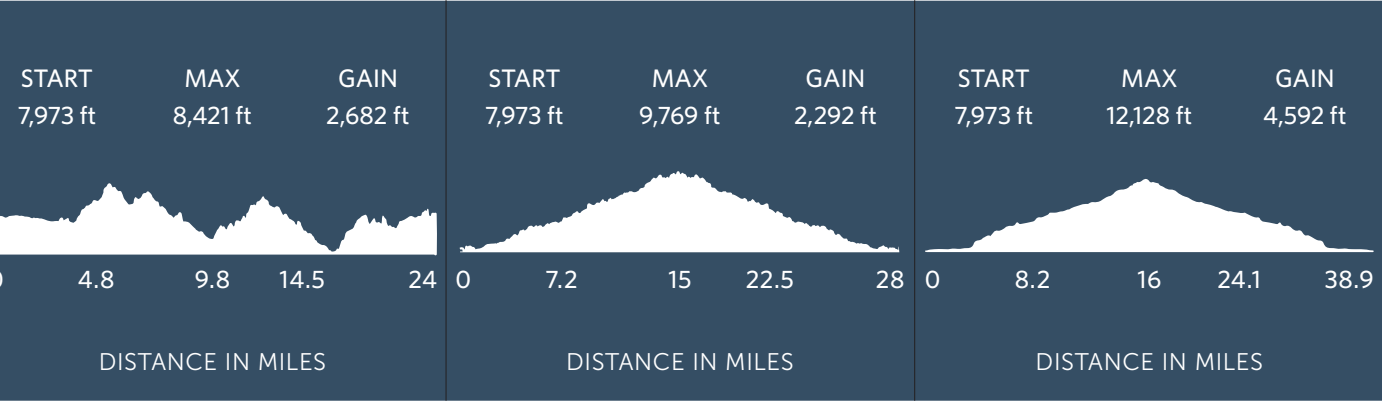
Ride the same route that Christian rode in stage 1 of the 2013 USA Pro Cycling Challenge. From The Little Nell, ride west towards Buttermilk and climb up Owl Creek Road towards Snowmass Village. At Anderson Ranch, take a right and descend Brush Creek Road on the bike path until you reach Medicine Bow Road on your left. Climb the hill until you intersect with Juniper Hill Road then take a right to descend to Cozy Point Ranch where we cross Highway 82. Ride down Smith Hill Way then begin the climb up to McLain Flats Road. Traverse McLain Flats until it turns into Cemetery Lane. Climb the hill and join the bike path back to Aspen.

Depart from The Little Nell and ride 1.5 miles west to the start of Castle Creek Road. This road meanders uphill through the beautiful Castle Creek valley, along its namesake creek. Approximately 11 miles up the road, you'll pass the ghost town of Ashcroft where you can still see some of the historic mining cabins. Continue past Ashcroft for a couple of miles until the pavement meets the gravel and the road forks. A SAG wagon will be stopped here as the designated spot for your U-turn back to the hotel.

For our final road ride we'll ascend Independence Pass, the highest paved pass in North America.

ROUTE FROM TOWN
Rest stop 1: 13.6 miles, Lower Lost Man
Rest stop 2: 19.5 miles, Top of Independence Pass

Round trip from Independence Gate back to Town: 33.37 Miles
Total ascent: 3396 ft
ROUTE FROM GATE
Rest stop 1: 4.22 miles, Lincoln Creek
Rest stop 2: 8.07 miles, Lower Lost Man
Rest Stop 3: 13.97 miles, Top of Independence Pass



Hotel check-in is at 4 pm. If you arrive early and your room is not ready, you are welcome to leave your bags with the bell staff.

Dress code is casual for all events, with the exception of Wednesday night's dinner, which is cocktail attire. Dress warmly and bring extra layers, as most meals are outdoors.

Each morning, enjoy the Element 47 breakfast buffet at your leisure. Element 47 opens at 7 am.

Riders will be accompanied every step of the way by our pros and team mechanic, plus support vehicles stocked with food, beverages and spare parts. Rest assured, no rider will be left behind.

Two water bottles will be provided daily to each rider to keep you adequately hydrated. Each morning, one bottle will be prepared with Skratch energy drink mix, and the other with water and may be replenished throughout the ride. Please let us know if you have additional requests.

Don't forget to smile as you ride, as our official photographer Steve Goff will be capturing all the action throughout the camp! We'll share a link to all photos post-camp.

Three Giro cycling kits will be provided to all camp participants. Please check the ride schedule to see which kit to wear each day.

A gear bag with gifts will be provided for your convenience. There will also be a drawstring bag with your name on it. Each morning, please pack any clothing or items you would like to send along in the SAG wagon and bring it with you to the front drive. These drawstring bags will travel alongside riders in accompanying vehicles and be accessible at designated stops. An extra layer is recommended for the ride down Independence Pass.



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CLIP-IN WITH CHRISTIAN - MEET THE TALENT



CHRISTIAN VANDE VELDE

The son of U.S. Bicycling Hall of Fame inductee, John Vande Velde, Christian was raised on cycling and began riding at age 16. He has competed in most major cycling events including the World Cup, all three Grand Tours, two Olympic Games, eleven Tours de France (including two team victories and 4th and 7th best finishes) and won the 2012 USA Pro Challenge. Currently, Christian works as an analyst for NBC Sports for the Tour de France and the Olympics and is a guest instructor for Peloton. This is his 9th time leading The Nell’s signature cycling camp. Instagram: @christianvdv



DIAA NOUR

An accomplished businessman and lifelong athlete, Diaa co-founded Venum LLC in 2015 after successfully exiting the telecom sector. Venum began as a passion project seeking to change the bike industry by introducing new aerodynamic technology and the first triathlon-specific bike. As CEO of Venum, Diaa has grown the business from a humble start-up in Miami to its current headquarters in Utah. He’s led the development of the innovative NS1 road bike and recent introduction of the GS1 gravel bike. Venum is the official bike sponsor for the camp. Instagram: @diaa10



MARI HOLDEN

After many years racing her bike and directing teams, Mari is the USA Cycling Community Director in Colorado Springs, having shifted gears to focus on giving more people an opportunity to ride bikes. Her main project at USA Cycling is launching a nationwide campaign called "Let’s Ride" to teach bicycle skills and safety to elementary school kids. Mari is an Olympic medalist, World Champion for Road Cycling Time Trial and six-time National Champion for Road and Time Trial. This is Mari’s second year as a pro for Clip-In. Instagram: @msmariholden



RYAN STANDISH

Ryan is a professional athlete and Venum pro who has competed across many disciplines in cycling. From road and track to XC mountain biking, he’s now landed in the endurance gravel and mtb scene and is famous for wearing cutoff jeans and hosting a comedic hot dog cooking show on Instagram. Having grown up in the Australian Outback, he made his way over to the States to attend Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO, and now spends most of his time in Salt Lake City. This is Ryan’s first year attending Clip-In and he’s excited to join the pack. Instagram: @ryanstandwich



BARRETT BRANDON

Barrett joined Venum in 2019 after working in the Healthcare and Independent Service Organization space, and currently serves as the CFO. A former professional triathlete, he competed for eight years all over the world in competitions from Olympic distance to Ironman. These days loves anything that involves two wheels and a gravel road. He most recently completed the 206-mile Unbound Gravel Race in Emporia Kansas. You can find him most weekends at your local gravel race or in the mountains riding his bike up the steepest climbs you can find. Instagram: @barrettbrandon_

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Ventum is providing the use of their state-of-the-art NS1 road bikes along with the support of bike fitter and mechanic. *For participants who book our Full Camp Package.



Giro is known for its high-performance cycling gear. As our official helmet and kit sponsor, Giro is providing a Helios Spherical helmet and three custom kits for each participant.



Hublot is the official timekeeper of Aspen Snowmass, parent company to The Little Nell. They are the proud presenters of the opening reception on Sunday evening.



SkratchLabs makes sports nutrition designed to help you perform and feel better, using real food from scratch. They are providing water bottles, hydration mix, and road snacks for all of the rides.