



"A chacun son Tour": youngsters discover the Tour

During the next weeks, the Tour de France, in partnership with the French Ministry for education, the Ministry for sports, youth and associative life and the French cycling federation will focus on the children with a major information campaign based on discovering cycling and its biggest event. The operation "A chacun son Tour" was launched this morning in Marseille (a stage city halfway through the 2007 edition) by Christian Prudhomme, in the presence of Minister Gilles de Robien and Jean Pitallier, President of the FFC. On the 29th of July, two hundred children will cover the last kilometres of the Tour de France, just before the traditional final on the Champs-Élysées.

An educational application guide

The first part of the operation will directly concern the elementary school teachers of 1st and 2nd grades. The guide that they will be given will allow them to discover with the pupils of different classes, the points planned by the educational program concerning the universe of the Tour de France. In a fun way, having interest for the cycling race will help them integrate basic notions in mathematics, history and French, and will also will be an opportunity to talk about environmental issues and citizenship.

The "Cycloparc"

As soon as the month of April 2007, a plan of action developed in play and exposition grounds will travel around France until the 1st of July. The Cycloparc will visit the country with the ambition to create a big cycling party, open to all during a whole weekend, in the stage cities. Managed by specialised hosts, children from eight to twelve will be able to pass practical and theoretical tests (handiness, road security, quiz games on cycling...), with the perspective for the best to take part in privileged conditions to the stage finishes that will occur in their cities.

The Cycloparc calendar

Castelsarrasin : 21-22/04 ; Angoulême : 28-29/04 ; Pau : 5-6/05 ; Albi : 12-13/05 ; Marseille : 19-20/05 ; Castres : 26-27/05 ; Bourg-en-Bresse : 2-3/06 ; Le Grand Bornand : 9-10/06 ; Autun : 16-17/06 ; Semur-en-Auxois : 20-06 ; Migennes : 23-24/06 ; Compiègne : 30/06-01/07

P'tite boucle (Little Boucle)

On the Tour 2007 stages, twenty-seven selected children will be invited each day to ride before the champions on the last metres of the day's race course. After crossing the line, they will be lucky enough to discover the joys of the podium and a photo session.

A pack on the Champs-Élysées

For the last finish of the Tour de France, the winners of pre-races organised during every stage will head to Paris for a last confrontation just before the elite champions, but this time on the final part of the Champs-Élysées. This pack of young cycling amateurs, added to 180 children invited by the F.F.C., will be welcomed by thousands of spectators massed around the finish line.

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