

News Release



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34th Annual St. Anthony's Triathlon Facts

About:	<p>The St. Anthony's Triathlon is a premier race event known for attracting a wide range of professional and amateur competitors including Olympic gold medalists, Ironman world champions and celebrity athletes who compete on a scenic course along the waterfront of downtown St. Petersburg.</p> <p>The three-day event includes the Olympic Distance St. Anthony's Triathlon, the St. Anthony's Sprint Triathlon and the Meek & Mighty Triathlon for youth and novice adults. In 2016, more than 3,000 athletes came from 41 states, the District of Columbia, and 8 countries to participate.</p>
Event Dates:	Fri., April 28- Sun., April 30, 2017
Event Schedule and Start Times:	<p>Friday, April 28, - Saturday, April 29:</p> <p>Sports and Fitness Expo: Straub Park, 500 Beach Drive, Free event (Friday: Noon – 6 p.m.)</p> <p>Saturday, April 29:</p> <p>Meek & Mighty Triathlon: North Shore Pool, 901 North Shore Drive Athlete check-in begins at 6:30 a.m. and first wave begins at 7:30 a.m.</p> <p>Sports and Fitness Expo: Straub Park, 500 Beach Drive, Free event (Saturday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.)</p> <p>Sunday, April 30:</p> <p>St. Anthony's Triathlon: North Shore & Vinoy Parks Athlete check-in begins at 4:45 a.m. and swim start at 6:50 a.m.</p> <p>St. Anthony's Sprint Race: North Shore & Vinoy Parks Athlete check-in begins at 4:45 a.m. and swim start at 8:15 a.m. (approx.)</p>

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<p>Course Lengths:</p>	<p>Meek & Mighty — (Ages 7 - 10) Swim 100 yards • Bike 3.6 miles • Run 1/2 mile; (Ages 11 & over) Swim 200 yards • Bike 5.4 miles • Run 1 mile</p> <p>St. Anthony's Triathlon, Olympic Distance —1.5K swim, 40K bike and 10K run</p> <p>St. Anthony's Sprint Race – 750-meter swim, 20K bike, 5K run</p>
<p>USA Triathlon (USAT):</p>	<p>The St. Anthony's Triathlon races are sanctioned by USA Triathlon. The 2017 St. Anthony's Triathlon is a USAT National qualifier race.</p>
<p>Competitors:</p>	<p>St. Anthony's Olympic Distance Approximately 1500 competitors. St. Anthony's Sprint Distance – Approximately 850 competitors. Meek & Mighty – Approximately 600 youth and novice adults.</p>
<p>Pros:</p>	<p>The 2017 St. Anthony's Triathlon will host approximately 40 pros competing for a portion of a prize purse of more than \$56,000.</p> <p>Pros registered for the event include 2013 and 2015 women's winner of St. Anthony's Triathlon Alicia Kaye and 2015 St. Anthony's podium finisher Heather Lendway.</p> <p>Also competing will be the men's winner of the 2015 & 2016 St. Anthony's Triathlon Cameron Dye (looking for a 3-peat at this year's race) and winner of 2016 Ironman 70.3 Puerto Rico.</p> <p>**All Pro athlete information is documented in the "Pro" section of the press kit.</p>
<p>Athlete Tracking:</p>	<p>St. Anthony's Triathlon will provide an Athlete Tracking Service for this year's Olympic Distance and Sprint races. Athletes, family and friends will be able to access real time results at specific timing points along the way through a link at www.SATriathlon.com. The timing points are Swim, Transition One, Bike, Transition Two, Run split, Run and Finish and will be updated as the race progresses.</p> <p>On Saturday, April 29, all participants will be listed online. Favorites can be added for quick and easy tracking using the web browser on a computer or smart phone. Results will be searchable by name and bib number. Division/age group results can be filtered to determine athlete placing. The direct results link is http://www.satriathlon.com/content/about-the-race/race-resultsathlete-tracker/</p>
<p>Recognitions:</p>	<p>The St. Anthony's Triathlon celebrates its 34th year in 2017.. The event was recently named one of the top <u>10 Great Destination Triathlons</u> in the United States by Complete Tri for 2017 and as one of the "5 Bucket-List Olympic Distance Triathlons in North America" by <u>Triathlon Magazine Canada</u> In addition, the 2017 race is a USAT Regional Qualifier.</p>

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<p>Meek & Mighty:</p>	<p>In 1988, St. Anthony's Hospital expanded the race from one to two days and included a sprint distance triathlon for kids. In 1993, organizers added an adult division to the race. Both divisions combined in 1994 and became the Meek & Mighty Triathlon that is traditionally held the Saturday before the big race, attracting kids and novice adults.</p> <p>Meek & Mighty Information: Race Date: Saturday, April 29, 2017 Location: North Shore Pool Capacity: 850 participants</p> <p>Swim 100 yards • Bike 3.6 miles • Run 1/2 mile (Ages 7-10) Swim 200 yards • Bike 5.4 miles • Run 1 mile (Ages 11 & Over)</p>
<p>History:</p>	<p>St. Anthony's Triathlon is entering its 34th year as part of the U.S. Triathlon series. St. Anthony's Hospital acquired and moved the event to downtown St. Petersburg in 1984. Four years later, a youth triathlon was added turning the event into a two-day event. In 1994, an adult division was added to the youth triathlon and named the Meek & Mighty race. In 2015, a Sprint race was added, giving St. Anthony's Triathlon a third event for athletes wanting to race the same course as the traditional triathlon but a shorter distance.</p>
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<p>St. Anthony's Hospital:</p>	<p>St. Anthony's Hospital is a 393-bed hospital founded in 1931 as a ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany. St. Anthony's continues its rich history dedicated to improving the health of the community by providing high-quality, innovative and compassionate care. For more information on St. Anthony's, call (727) 953-6993 or go to www.BayCare.org/SAH.</p>

