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Trans-Sylvania Epic: Roars into Year 2 p/b NoTubes; Launches Team, Revamps Epic Team Option

The [Trans-Sylvania Epic Stage Race presented by NoTubes](#), called “Summer camp for mountain bikers!! Too much fun!!” by first year participants is roaring into its second edition this May. World class athletes and mountain bike loving enthusiasts alike are signing up to rub shoulders at Camp TSE for a week of racing that is as much adventure vacation as it is competition. No other race puts the pros and Joes together like TSE and the end result is an incredible week of riding and socializing. Said [NoTubes](#) Rich O’Neil, “From day one Stan’s NoTubes put racing and the experience of great mountain biking at the forefront. The Trans-Sylvania Epic and Team TSE obviously share these loves making TSE a perfect partner for us. We can’t wait to welcome everyone to PA for a taste of our great east coast riding!”

State College, PA and the surrounding Alleghenies again play host to this week long singletrack experience from May 29-June 4 on one of North America’s best trail systems. Featuring a great mix of flow and technical features over seven days, experienced off-road stage racers call it one of the best overall experiences anywhere. Inaugural women’s race champion, Bicycling’s “Fit Chick” Selene Yeager of TeamCF said, “You never get that feeling of dread as you do at other stage races when you get up in the morning. The mix of stages at TSE keeps it interesting and exciting all week because you never know what’s coming, but you know it won’t be the same thing as yesterday and it will be fun!” Stage race stalwart and blogosphere legend Rich Dillen added this, “The accommodations at the Boy Scout Camp were a definite first for me at a stage race. Not having to pack my gear every morning into a semi-large duffel and move to a new site every night was a bonus. I left my crap all over the place and didn’t have to pack it back up till the day I left town. I brought all the comforts of home with me; a box fan, an air compressor, two bikes, my Mark Weir poster... everything. Did I mention the kitchen complete with a fridge in which one could put cold beer if one chose to? Choice.”

To help spread the word about the Trans-Sylvania Epic experience the new Team TSE presented by NoTubes.com will be taking part in races, festivals and fun rides throughout the season including the Wilderness 101 and Shenandoah 100, sister MTB stage races, and the Mid-Atlantic Super Series; and spending time on the Allegrippis trails during DirtRag’s DirtFest. The team, supported by TSE event sponsors WTB, Club Ride and Pactimo will be out and about to talk with riders about TSE and other Outdoor Experience Organization projects - the OEO is a PA non-profit trail enhancement and creation organization that is the beneficiary of TSE proceeds.

The Trans-Sylvania Epic promoters also revamped an idea from last year aimed at bringing teams of 2-5 riders to State College to participate in the race, revamping the pricing and simplifying the requirements to participate. In what might be the most fun way to do TSE and is the least expensive choice, the Epic Team option allows riders to grab a couple buddies and spend the week riding together or taking days off to relax and support one another. As long as one person from the team finishes each stage the team is in it until the end. Not sure you’re ready for seven days of awesome trails? Can’t take the whole week off work, but want to be a part of TSE? Just looking for a way to make it even more vacation like while still enjoying all the great stuff going on at CampTSE? The Epic Team at TSE is the what you are looking for!

More information about the Trans-Sylvania Epic and the best way to spend a week riding your mountain bike can be found at www.TSEpic.com; [facebook](#), or #TSEpic on Twitter.



Team CF rider Kristin Gavin leads teammate Selene Yeager on TSE final stage.



Dave Pryor on gorgeous PA singletrack at Allegrippis during TSE Stage 4.



Jeremiah Bishop of Cannondale Factory Racing defending the Pactimo Leaders jersey at TSE.