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Armstrong set to roll through Modesto

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Cycling star Lance Armstrong announced Thursday in Las Vegas that he will participate in the 2009 Amgen Tour of California, putting him on course to ride through Modesto in February.

The Tour of California, an 800-mile course that runs Feb. 14-22, is the largest and most prestigious road race in the United States. Stage 4 will run between San Jose and Modesto on Feb. 17.

"We are delighted that Lance Armstrong will be participating in the 2009 Amgen Tour of California," said Andrew Messick, president of AEG Sports and owner and operator of the Amgen Tour. "It's a great opportunity for all of us who are involved in this to bring what we really expect to be an unprecedented level of attention to the Amgen Tour."

Messick said Armstrong will use the Amgen Tour to raise awareness, money and resources for his global fight against cancer as well as give him a shot at an eighth Tour de France title.

"The level of competition, the challenge of the course and the highly professional atmosphere make it the ideal situation for me to continue my training," Armstrong stated in a news release.

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He will be racing for the Astana Cycling Team.

The Tour of California will be the second race the seven-time Tour de France champion attempts in his comeback from retirement. Armstrong announced Wednesday that he plans to ride in the Jan. 20-25 Tour Down Under in Australia.

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