

Inspiring documentary **RACE ACROSS THE SKY** motivates discussion of Omaha-Council Bluffs trails systems



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What: Special Screening of **RACE ACROSS THE SKY**

Who: Presented by Film Streams and Trails Have Our Respect (T.H.O.R.)

When: Thursday, June 24, 7 p.m.

Where: Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater, 1340 Mike Fahey (formerly Webster) Street

Tickets: \$9 general, \$7 seniors, students, teachers, \$4.50 Film Streams Members

More Info: www.FilmStreams.org

At 10,000 feet, against the misty backdrop of a former mining town, 1,228 cyclists line the starting line. For many, it will be the most difficult race of their lives. Started 25 years ago as a running race to drive tourism to this Colorado town, the Leadville Trail 100 Mountain Bike Race — the “Race Across the Sky” — unfolds over twelve hours and 100 miles. Racers climb more than 14,000 vertical feet, nearly two miles above sea level, through extreme climate changes ranging from heat to hail, rain to snow. For some, it’s a bragging right to say they’ve raced alongside the best in the world. Others actually imagine victory — among them six-time defending champion Dave Wiens and seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong. For all, the chance of injury, fatigue, or mechanical failure are nothing compared to the desire to push past physical and emotional limits, striking an elegant symmetry between racer and environment.

On **Thursday, June 24 at 7 p.m.**, Film Streams and Trails Have Our Respect (T.H.O.R.) will present a special screening of **RACE ACROSS THE SKY**, an inspiring documentary chronicling the 2009 Leadville Trail 100 competition. Following the film will be a discussion on efforts to develop off-road trail systems in the Omaha-Council Bluffs area, and how such trails integrate with a comprehensive strategy to encourage a healthier and more active populace. Panelists will include: Kent McNeill, President of T.H.O.R.; Travis Brown, Olympic Mountain Biker; and Kerri Peterson, Executive Director of Live Well Omaha.

This collaborative film event is part of Film Streams' Community Development Program, which facilitates partnerships with other nonprofits and community groups on film-related events that speak to their missions and programming. **T.H.O.R.** is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to developing and maintaining sustainable off-road recreational trails in Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa, through partnerships with local land managers and trail users, by providing expertise, manpower and resources.

Tickets for the screening and panel are \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors, students, and teachers, and \$4.50 for Film Streams Members. For questions, requests, or more information, please contact Casey Logan at (402) 933-0259 or casey@filmstreams.org.



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T.H.O.R. Goals

1. Build, promote, and maintain trail systems for public use in accordance with IMBA guidelines
2. Educate trail users about safe and responsible trail use
3. Educate the public on the existence of multi-user trails in Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa
4. Initiate and nurture open and honest relations with land managers
5. Promote environmental responsibility and care for public lands
6. Provide an organization of volunteers and professionals who will:
 - encourage public respect for mountain biking
 - offer T.H.O.R. expertise regarding trail building and expansion
 - support individual contributions in support of the mission
 - be positive role models for trail advocacy, use and design



Film Streams is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the cultural environment of the Omaha-Council Bluffs area through the presentation and discussion of film as an art form. For more information, visit www.FilmStreams.org.

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