

Junior Cycling Development Program

Race Report #17 Team Swift Wins Center of Excellence Award

USA Cycling has announced Winners of the 2003 Center of Excellence Awards. The non-profit youth cycling program Team Swift Junior Development has been chosen to receive the grant again this year. Team Swift, based in Santa Rosa, California, has won the award both years since the Center of Excellence's inception in 2002.

The Center of Excellence is a program designed to recognize outstanding cycling clubs around the country with cash awards to assist in their structural development. Six clubs across the country were selected for this honor and each will receive a cash award of \$3,000.

The mission of the USA Cycling Development Foundation Centers of Excellence is to set the standard for cycling athlete development in the United States and encourage the highest degree of athletic excellence at all levels.

The Center of Excellence winners met certain criteria with respect to organization, business management and athlete development programs for juniors and under-23 athletes. The clubs provide evidence of long-term business plans and solid structure for athletic development.

Team Swift would like to thank all the people who have contributed time, products, and funding to help make this program worthy of winning this award. Each person involved is a part of Team Swift's continued success and we thank you. Team Swift is proud to represent our community, sponsors, and cycling association by winning an award of this stature as well as winning at the races.

For more information on how you can be a part of the Team Swift program please visit the website at www.teamswift.org. You may also email any questions directly to teamswift@aol.com. For further information on the Center of Excellence Program and the USA Cycling Development Foundation you can visit their website at www.usacdf.org.