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## Starting grid set for 2013 FORMULA 1 UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX as 78,886 fans witness Sebastian Vettel 'shake-and-bake' at Circuit of The Americas™

**AUSTIN, Texas (Nov. 16, 2013)** – Infiniti Red Bull Racing's Sebastian Vettel continued to dominate his Formula 1™ racing rivals by taking the pole for the **2013 FORMULA 1 UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX**, while **78,886** fans soaked up the warm temperatures and hot competition at Circuit of The Americas.

The young German driver, who has already claimed the Formula One™ World Champion drivers' title for the 2013 season, turned in a sizzling lap time of 1:36.338 to claim pole position for the Nov. 17 Austin Grand Prix. Vettel and his support team were clearly enjoying the qualifying rounds. At one point, one of his engineers used the phrase "shake-and-bake" over the radio—a reference to the character of "Ricky Bobby" in the popular American motorsports comedy *Talladega Nights*.

Vettel's teammate Mark Webber finished only one-tenth of a second behind, making it an all-Red Bull front row. Frenchman Romain Grosjean of the Lotus F1 Team rounded out the top three spots on Sunday's starting grid.

Circuit of The Americas opens for Sunday's Grand Prix at 7:30 a.m. CT. Included in the price of admission to Sunday's activities is a **free Pitbull concert** following the F1 race at approximately 3 p.m., as well as a **free track invasion**, allowing fans to explore sections of the 3.4-mile, Grade 1 circuit.

Tickets for the 2013 FORMULA 1 UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX are available for purchase at Circuit of The Americas' Grand Plaza Ticket Office. Single-day passes are available and start at \$129 per person for general admission to Sunday's race. Visit <http://www.circuitoftheamericas.com/f1> for information about seating options and pricing and <http://www.circuitoftheamericas.com/transportation> for the latest on transportation to the circuit and parking near the track.

### **About Circuit of The Americas**

Circuit of The Americas in Austin, Texas, is a world-class destination for premium sports and entertainment. It is the first racing facility in the United States purposely built for Formula 1™ racing and is designed to host a variety of sports and entertainment events. The Circuit is home to the **FORMULA 1 UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX**, which was named the 2012 "**Sports Event of the Year**" by *SportsBusiness Journal/Daily*, and is the new North American host of the summer edition of **ESPN's X Games**. Additionally Circuit of The Americas welcomes spectators from around the world for some of the most prestigious national and international motorsports series, including MotoGP™, V8 Supercars™, GRAND-AM Road Racing™, American Le Mans and the FIA World Endurance Championships.

Circuit of The Americas' 1,500-acre campus includes a variety of permanent structures designed for business, education, entertainment and sporting use. Its signature 3.4-mile, 20-turn undulating racetrack features remarkable elevation changes and a number of challenging turns patterned after some of the world's iconic Grand Prix tracks. The **Austin360 Amphitheater** is an expansive outdoor live music space, featuring the largest permanent stage in Central Texas and the capacity for 14,000 guests. The Circuit's iconic 25-story Observation Tower has a viewing platform offering 360-degree views of the venue, downtown Austin and Texas Hill Country. The 44,000-square foot **Event Center** offers an expansive convention and banquet space that doubles as an international Media Center during sports and entertainment event. The Event Center includes more than 30 broadcast booths, an internal café and dedicated news conference room. The Circuit's massive **Main Grandstand** features permanent seating for 9,000, a variety of well-appointed suites, and the Velocity Lounge and hospitality area. Circuit of The Americas also offers a state-of-the-art on-site medical facility, parking for 25,000 vehicles, taxi and shuttle bus depots and a permanent heli-stop. For more information and downloadable video, audio and photos, visit: [www.CircuitofTheAmericas.com](http://www.CircuitofTheAmericas.com), [www.Austin360Amphitheater.com](http://www.Austin360Amphitheater.com) or the Circuit's dedicated FTP site, [media.circuitoftheamericas.com](http://media.circuitoftheamericas.com).

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