

Werner selected to USA World Championships team

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Lees-McRae College junior cyclist Kerry Werner (Birdsboro, Pa.) has been selected to represent the United States at the 2011 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships in Champéry, Switzerland, becoming the first rider in program history to earn a spot in the world championships in the mountain bike discipline.

Werner will be joined by Stephen Ettinger (Cashmere, Wash.), Russell Finsterwald (Boulder, Colo.), and Jack Hinkens (Eden Prairie, Minn.) on the U23 men's cross country team, as Werner earned a discretionary selection for his exceptional season a year ago. A native of Birdsboro, Pa., Werner posted 11 top-20 finishes last season, including a 15th-place showing at the 2010 Collegiate Mountain Bike Nationals.

The US team, which features 51 athletes competing in 13 separate races, will be on the course from Aug. 29 to Sep. 4 in Champéry, Switzerland. For more information and to follow Werner's progress at the event, please visit the championships page [here](#).

Lees-McRae College, a four-year, co-educational liberal arts college affiliated with the Presbyterian Church, USA, is located in the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains of northwestern North Carolina. Being a year-round tourist destination, the area provides the best of a vibrant college community coupled with natural beauty and a rich history. Please see www.lmc.edu for more information.