

American Canoe Association Open Canoe Slalom Nationals & North American Championships Bid 2010 – Mulberry Fork, Garden City, AL USA Revised 01/07/2010 6:00 PM

Instructions:

All information in Section A is required; please provide as much information in Section B as possible. This form should be attached to a formal letter or email from the race chairman or the local organization placing the bid indicating that the bid has officially been submitted for consideration. In addition the letter should include an acknowledgement that the hosting organization assumes all logistical and financial obligations for hosting the race.

Section A

Year: 2010

Location: Mulberry Fork, river right, near Garden City, AL USA

Dates: March 6 & 7, 2010, in conjunction with Mulberry Fork Canoe & Kayak Races

Race Chairpersons: Zach Nichols (zmnichols@crimson.ua.edu) 205-826-9776; Tom Land (tland@bama.ua.edu) 205-454-5685

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Registration: Lynn Rasmussen (Rasmussen@sri.org)

Hosting Club or Organization, if applicable: Mulberry Fork Canoe & Kayak Races

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Please describe Timing and Scoring Method: Synchronized watches at start and finish lines, manual timing. Radios on entire course for gate judges to relay scores

Safety Director: Tom Land

Safety measures to be taken: Three individuals that are trained in SWR will be on the course at all times, and will rotate with the alternates. Gate judges are encouraged to use throw ropes as well.

Chief Judge and Judges: To be selected upon bid acceptance.

Sponsorship: Local and national businesses, including paddling and outdoor gear, and food.

Volunteers: Birmingham Canoe Club provides a majority of the volunteers that are fielded from the public and boating community at large.

Course Designer: Luke Scott

Course Set-up: Team of Volunteers directed by Course Designer

Description of course, including water conditions and degree of difficulty:

Anticipated Flow: 933 cfs Natural or Dam Release: Natural

Site is natural flow, and the anticipated flow is based on the median flow for the race day based on 80 years of USGS data. The Mulberry Fork does have a large drainage and the flows can be extremely variable. The Mulberry Fork Race Course is defined as a Class II – III river depending on water flow.

The downriver event info:

The downriver race will be on held on Saturday afternoon, after the last slalom class of the day. It begins at the HWY 31 bridge, and continues 3.4 miles downstream to the finish line, which is the same finish line used on the slalom course.

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Address to which entries should be sent and amount of fees:

Mulberry Fork Canoe & Kayak Race

Contact Name: Lynn Rasmussen

Address: 450 Slopes Dr. City: Odenville State: AL 35120

Phone: h205-629-7425 w205-581-2259

E-mail: rasmussen@sri.org website: www.mulberryraces.com

Fees: Pre-registration: \$15 for first class, \$8 for each additional class. Late Registration: \$20 for first class, \$10 for each additional class. \$12 ACA event fee for non-members. Class Limit of three; Boatercross and Downriver do not count towards the class limit

Last date for entries to be postmarked: February 26, 2010

Whether late entries will be accepted and conditions: On site until 9 pm Friday, the 5th of March.

Classes to be run and eligibility requirements: Same as 2009.

Sequence and approximate starting times: Sequences are determined the night before the race, so as to take into account class size, those who may be competing in multiple classes and their transition time, and any other considerations that will give each racer a fair amount of time between runs.

Time and place for drawing of starting positions: To be determined- on site

Limitations on entries, if any: To be determined by local organizing committee using current slalom rules.

Nature of awards to be given: Standard championship awards as provided by ACA.

Required work assignment for competitors, if any: The Mulberry Fork Canoe & Kayak Races have an extensive volunteer network. However, we welcome participant or other person's help with set-up, judging, scoring, and teardown. Extra volunteers always make the work go more quickly.

Regulation on training runs: The gates are hung on the Friday evening before the race. Once the course is completed, practice may commence. The more help we have with course construction, the more practice time everyone has.

Whether meals, camping, or other accommodations are available including public transportation and driving directions: All are available other than the public transportation. There is basic camping on site, with toilets and trash facilities, provided by the race or Cullman County.

Schedule of events, (including water releases, boat measuring, meetings, etc.): Racer's meeting @ 8 am, Saturday 6th. First start is @ 9 am. Awards Banquet @ 6:30 Saturday night.

Statement to be signed by competitor(s) releasing the race organizers from liability during the race and an agreement that the competitor(s) will abide by the ACA

Whitewater Open Canoe Slalom Racing Rules:

The ACA waiver.

Lodging Options:

Camping: The race site has a large primitive campsite. There are porta-potties and trash receptacles available. Fees are \$5/person for the weekend.

Hotels: There are about 20 hotels within a 30 minute drive of the site.

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Describe the advantages of your bid – This is your opportunity to tell the voting committee why your bid should be selected:

The Mulberry Fork Canoe & Kayak Races are located in a beautiful venue, overlooking the river from a 50 foot bluff. The races provide an opportunity for competition in a friendly, relaxed environment, for every level of paddler, from novice to Olympian. The Mulberry Fork Races have a long history that dates back to 1981. This year is the 30th annual MFCKR.

These races have occurred throughout the years because of the hard work of all the volunteers, racers, and leaders. The Mulberry was also an Olympic Qualifier in 1996.

Additional Info About The Surrounding Areas: Visit

<http://www.cullmanchamber.org/index.html>