

2012 ACA Open Canoe Slalom Nationals & North American Championships
Registration Form – Oct. 5-7, 2012 at Nantahala Outdoor Center

Registrar: OCS 2012 Nationals Registrar Email: mjsimpson765@gmail.com

Name: _____ Address: _____
 City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____
 E-mail: _____ Age: _____ Birth date: _____ Gender: Male ___ Female ___
 ACA #: _____ Exp Date: _____

Registration fees: \$55 US per person includes 2 classes and 1 ticket to race banquet. T-shirts are optional and available by preorder for \$10. A limited number may be available onsite, but there is no guarantee. **If you want a T-shirt, we recommend you preorder.** Additional classes beyond 2 are \$10 each. (Maximum: 7 classes, Limit: 3 classes per day). Please check classes you are entering and indicate your partner's name where applicable.

Special Offer - Fill Your Tandem Boat! If a paid competitor is paddling tandem with a youth (16 or under), there is no entry fee for the youth paddler. *Note: youth paddler must have a signed waiver. If not an ACA member, there is a \$5 event insurance fee.* Indicate if the tandem paddler is 16 or under on the form below.

Friday, Oct. 5	Partner	<16	Saturday, Oct. 6	Partner	<16
OC1 Open REC (Comb)			OC2 Open RAC		
OC1 Open RAC (Comb)			OC1 W 13 RAC		
OC1 W REC (Comb)			OC2 Open 15 RAC		
OC1 W RAC (Comb)			OC2 Jr. RAC		
OC2 Mixed RAC (Comb)			OC2 Youth/Sr. RAC		
OC2 Open REC (Comb)			OC1 Masters 13 RAC		
OC2 Open RAC (Comb)			OC2 Mixed REC		
OC2 Mixed REC (Comb)			Sunday, Oct. 7	Partner	<16
OC1 W RAC			OC2 W REC		
OC1 Open RAC			OC2 Masters RAC		
OC2 Mixed RAC			OC1 Open 13 RAC		
OC2 Masters REC			OC1 Open X		
OC1 Open REC			OC1 Jr. RAC		
Combined Downriver Race (Automatically registered when a Combined Class is entered above)			OC1 W Masters RAC		
Saturday, Oct. 6	Partner	<16	OC2 Mixed 15 RAC		
OC1 Open (Citizen)			OC1 Masters 15 RAC		
OC1 Women (Citizen)			OC2 W RAC		
OC2 Open (Citizen)			OC2 Open REC		
OC2 Mixed (Citizen)			OC1 Masters RAC		
OC1 W REC					
OC1 Open 15 RAC					
OC1 Masters REC					

NOTE: Competitors will be allowed to add a class to their entry until 5 pm the day before each race day. The registrar will be available onsite to accept additions from 3-5 pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

Money enclosed:

\$55.00 Registration Fee \$ _____
 \$10.00 Each Additional Classes over 2 \$ _____
 \$5.00 ACA Event Membership (for non-ACA Members) \$ _____
 \$10 T-Shirt (indicate size) XS S M L XL XXL \$ _____
 T-Shirt (indicate size) XS S M L XL XXL \$ _____
 T-Shirt (indicate size) XS S M L XL XXL \$ _____

 \$12 Extra Guest Banquet Ticket No. of Guest Tickets _____ \$ _____
 \$10 Late Registration Fee (After Sept. 1, 2012) \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

REGISTER BEFORE SEPT. 1, 2012 and receive a free pair of athletic shoes from Columbia Sportswear!
Enter Your Shoe Size _____

Make checks payable to: 2012 Open Canoe Nationals

Registration forms and waivers can be mailed, postmarked on or prior to September 1, 2012 to:
M.J. Simpson, OCS 2012 Nationals Registrar,
1125 Moody Bridge Rd
Cleveland, SC 29635

I, the undersigned, certify that I have read the rules of the race as indicated in this package and agree to abide by them as well as the instructions and directives of the race officials. I affirm that I will inspect the racecourse prior to the race and will not race if it is beyond my capabilities as a whitewater paddler. I also agree to hold harmless from liability for injuries to my person or property, the sponsoring organizations, officials, landowners, and the committee members, and realize that it is not incumbent upon them to furnish first aid, rescue, or salvage equipment and personnel. I also certify that I am an amateur as defined by the American Canoe Association.

(Signature of Paddler) (Parent's Signature if Paddler is Under 18 yrs. old)

ACA WAIVER FORMS MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH THIS FORM TO BE CONSIDERED REGISTERED.
See links on website for Waiver forms.

Official Use Only - Correct Amount Paid _____ ACA Waiver Signed _____ Notes: _____

EVENT SCHEDULE
2012 Open Canoe Slalom National Championships
Nantahala Outdoor Center, Wesser, North Carolina

The Nantahala River slalom course is open for practice Tuesday through Thursday. Scheduled water releases bring water to the course from Noon to 5 pm.

Late registrations for the following day's events will be open from 3-5 pm on Friday and Saturday.

Monday, Oct. 1

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. - Setting of the course

Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 2-3

Open practice

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Registration, competitor check-in. Boat inspection 3-5 pm Wed.
Final course will be set at the end of the day

Thursday, Oct. 4

Open Practice

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Registration, competitor check-in, and boat inspection (3-5 pm)

5:00 – 5:30 p.m. Competitor Race Meeting

Friday, Oct. 5

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Competitor check-in, staff available at registration area

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Slalom events

12:00 Lunch break

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Slalom events

4:00 p.m.– Downriver Start.

5:30 p.m. – ACA Meeting (to start after downriver event)

Saturday, Oct. 6

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Competitor check-in, staff available at registration area

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Slalom events
12:00 – Lunch Break
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Slalom events
3:30-4:30 p.m. Cadet Fun Run Sprint from bottom of Falls to Paddlers Pub
5:00 Race Pizza Party and Celebration at Paddler's Pub
5:30 p.m. – Awards given for Friday and Saturday events.
6:00 p.m. – Pizza

Sunday, Oct. 7

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Competitor check-in, staff available at registration area

9:00 – 12 p.m. Slalom Events

Noon – Lunch Break

1 – 3 p.m. Slalom Events

4 p.m. Awards for Sunday events, giveaways.

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WELCOME

NOC is centrally located in some of the best whitewater available in the eastern United States with several class II-V rivers close by for recreational paddling opportunities. The gorge has consistent water flow from a dam-controlled release.

For those planning to paddle in the area, the Middle Ocoee will be running the weekends before and after the race. The Upper Ocoee will be running the last Saturday in September. Other choices in the area, depending on water level, would be the Nolichucky, the Chattooga and the Tuckasegee.

LODGING

NOC has a variety of lodging options available and shoulder-season prices are in effect. <http://www.noc.com/nocom/lodging-a-dining/stay-the-night/>.

NOC offers the Nantahala Inn, as well as a variety of on and offsite cabins and onsite bunk-house style lodging. The bunkhouse is no-frills but it is affordable, conveniently located, and very warm. There are shower facilities as well as a kitchen/dining area for guests. Mention OC Nationals when making your reservation and you can get the special rate of \$14 per person, per night. Call or email Shannon Royce at 828-488-7207, or shannon.royce@noc.com for discounted rates.

For those who prefer to stay offsite, the Nantahala Village <http://www.nvnc.com/> is just down the road, or they could check out Watershed Cabins <http://www.watershedcabins.com/index.html> .

Turkey Creek Campground is located a few miles from NOC. Campers that make reservations and mention the race will receive a \$10 per person, per night rate. Contact Turkey Creek Campground directly with questions or to make reservations, <http://www.turkey-creek.com>

The closest campground to NOC is Lost Mine Campground <http://www.lostminecampground.com/> on Silvermine Rd.

Also, the Tsali Recreation area is located within the Nantahala National Forest. <http://www.greatcarolinaproperty.com/Outdoor-recreation/Tsali-campground.htm>
Located on the shores of Fontana Lake, the campground is about a 15-minute drive from NOC. While further away, Tsali offers more secluded, woodsy-feeling camping spots, and great hiking, biking, and lake-fun all around.

CLIMATE: October weather is beautiful in the Nantahala Gorge in October. Daily highs are in the 70s, though nights will be cooler. Rain is also a possibility. Please note that the water temperature of the Nantahala River is quite cold – paddling spray gear is recommended.

AIRPORTS: Asheville, NC, airport is 80 miles away. Atlanta would be the alternate airport, which is a 3.5 hour drive to NOC but likely will have less expensive flights.

FOOD AND CONVENIENCE:

There are 2 restaurants open at NOC in October, as well as a small convenience store. Those who would prefer to prepare their own food should know that Ingles, the closest grocery store, is located either in Bryson City or in Andrews, NC, 20-30 minutes from the NOC.



AMERICAN CANOE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM



All participants in ACA-insured activities must be ACA members in one of the following categories (choose one):

I am currently an ACA member. My member number appears below. (Check here if renewing with this form <input type="checkbox"/>) <input type="checkbox"/>	I would like a one-year ACA Paddle America Club Membership for: (check & circle one) <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$30 Family (2 adults + minors) \$40	I would like a one-year ACA Membership for: (check & circle one) <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$40 Family (2 adults + minors) \$60
I would like a one-year Senior (62+) or Student Membership for \$25 (under 18, or under 23 with copy of student ID) <input type="checkbox"/>	I would like an ACA Introductory Membership for \$15 (Six month membership with benefits, including a <i>Rapid Media</i> magazine) <input type="checkbox"/>	I would like an ACA Event Membership for \$5 (one activity membership, no member benefits) <input type="checkbox"/>

AMERICAN CANOE ASSOCIATION ADULT WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY READ BEFORE SIGNING

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in any way in the American Canoe Association, Inc. sports and recreation program and related activities ("Activities") I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I understand the nature of paddlesports and related activities and that I am qualified, in good health, in proper physical condition to participate in such activity and willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions of participation. I further agree and warrant that if at any time I believe conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activity. If I decide to leave early and not complete the trip as planned, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to leave.

2. FULLY UNDERSTAND that: (a) Paddlesports and related ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS OF DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY AND SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS, AND DEATH ("RISKS"); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" NAMED BELOW; (c) there may be OTHER RISKS AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation or that of the minor in the Activity.

3. HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the American Canoe Association, Inc., its Paddle America Clubs, affiliated clubs and organizational affiliates, their respective ACA certified instructors, certified instructor trainers, and certified instructor trainer educators, administrators, directors, agents, officers, members, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, INJURIES, DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, OR OTHER DAMAGES ON MY ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS; AND I FURTHER AGREE that if, despite this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Name (print) _____ Date of Birth _____ ACA # (if any) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Date _____ Adult Signature _____

Name / Description of Activity or Event _____

Sponsoring Club / Organization _____ Activity Date _____



AMERICAN CANOE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM



All minor participants in ACA-insured activities must be ACA members in one of the following categories (choose one):

I am currently an ACA member. My member number appears below. (Check here if renewing with this form <input type="checkbox"/>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	I would like a one-year Student Membership for \$25 (Under 18, or under 23 with copy of student ID)	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would like an ACA Introductory Membership for \$15 (Six month membership with benefits, including a <i>Rapid Media</i> magazine)	<input type="checkbox"/>	I would like an ACA Event Membership for \$5 (One activity membership, no member benefits)	<input type="checkbox"/>

AMERICAN CANOE ASSOCIATION MINOR WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY READ BEFORE SIGNING

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in any way in the American Canoe Association, Inc. sports and recreation program and related activities ("Activities") I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I understand the nature of Paddlesports and related Activities and that I am qualified, in good health, in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity and willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions of participation. I further agree and warrant that if at any time I believe conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activity. If I decide to leave early and not complete the trip as planned, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to leave.

2. FULLY UNDERSTAND that: (a) Paddlesports and related ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS OF DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY AND SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS, AND DEATH ("RISKS"); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" NAMED BELOW; (c) there may be OTHER RISKS AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation or that of the minor in the Activity.

3. HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE American Canoe Association, Inc., its Paddle America Clubs, affiliated clubs and organizational affiliates, their respective ACA certified instructors, certified instructor trainers, and certified instructor trainer educators, administrators, directors, agents, officers, members, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, INJURIES, DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, OR OTHER DAMAGES ON MY ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS; AND I FURTHER AGREE that if, despite this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim.

MINOR PARTICIPANT: I, THE MINOR PARTICIPANT, HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Minor Name (print) _____ Minor Date of Birth _____ ACA # (if any) _____

Minor Street Address _____ Minor Phone _____

Minor City _____ Minor State _____ Minor Zip _____ Minor Email _____

Date _____ Minor Signature _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN: I, THE MINOR'S PARENT AND/OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF PADDLESORTS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES AND THE MINOR'S EXPERIENCE AND CAPABILITIES AND BELIEVE THE MINOR TO BE QUALIFIED, IN GOOD HEALTH, AND IN PROPER PHYSICAL CONDITION TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH ACTIVITY. I HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON THE MINOR'S ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS AND FURTHER AGREE THAT IF, DESPITE THIS RELEASE, I, THE MINOR, OR ANYONE ON THE MINOR'S BEHALF MAKES A CLAIM AGAINST ANY OF THE RELEASEES NAMED ABOVE, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES FROM ANY LITIGATION EXPENSES, ATTORNEY FEES, LOSS LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COST ANY MAY INCUR AS THE RESULT OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.

Parent/Guardian Name (print) _____ Parent/Guardian ACA # (if any) _____

P/G Street Address _____ P/G Phone _____

P/G City _____ P/G State _____ P/G Zip _____ P/G Email _____

Date _____ Parent / Guardian Signature _____

Activity Description _____ Sponsoring Org. _____ Activity Date _____