



# 2013 ICF CANOE FREESTYLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



**Nantahala Gorge  
Bryson City, North Carolina, USA  
September 2-8, 2013**



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Dear **Friends**,

On behalf of USA Canoe/Kayak and the Nantahala Gorge Organizing Committee, we are pleased to extend a formal invitation to your National Federation to train for and participate at the **2013 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships** to be held on the Nantahala River near Bryson City, North Carolina on September 2-8, 2013. The official event website is [www.FreestyleKayaking2013.com](http://www.FreestyleKayaking2013.com).

This premier freestyle kayak event is slated to draw over 300 freestyle paddlers and thousands of spectators from around the world to the Nantahala Gorge, located in the heart of the North Carolina Smoky Mountains.

For assistance with visa related issues please contact Gerald Babao at [gerald@usack.org](mailto:gerald@usack.org).

For event and travel related questions please contact Zuzana Vanha at [zuzana.vanha@noc.com](mailto:zuzana.vanha@noc.com).

We look forward to welcoming the world's top Freestyle competitors to the United States and sharing this terrific event with the international paddling community.

Thank you very much for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Jacobi".

Joe Jacobi, Chief Executive Officer





## **HOSTS & ORGANIZATION**

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Nantahala Gorge Organizing Committee  
Nantahala Outdoor Center  
Swain County Chamber of Commerce  
USA Canoe/Kayak

## **DATE**

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September 2 – 8, 2013

## **OFFICIAL EVENT WEBSITE**

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[www.FreestyleKayaking2013.com](http://www.FreestyleKayaking2013.com)

## **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

### **NANTAHALA GORGE AND BRYSON CITY, USA**

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The Nantahala Gorge is located in Swain County, 13 miles outside of the county seat: Bryson City, North Carolina. Named among the top 10 paddling towns in the nation, Bryson City is nestled at the foot of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the most visited National Park in the United States, and famous for the mist that settles in its valleys as well a rich biodiversity of vegetation and wildlife. The area is a popular tourist destination, and is renowned for a wide variety of outdoor recreation opportunities including rafting and paddlesports, biking, zip lining, rock climbing, horseback riding, hiking and camping.



The region is also rich in cultural and historical significance. An important tribal area for the Cherokee people, many rivers, mountains and other landmarks still bear their Cherokee names. The word Nantahala, for example, means “Land of the Noon-day Sun.” Today, Cherokee arts and crafts, as well as other traditional crafts, can be found throughout the region. Information regarding various cultural attractions can be found on regional Chamber



of Commerce pages, of which a directory can be found at:  
[www.freestylekayaking2013.com/smokies.html](http://www.freestylekayaking2013.com/smokies.html).

For those looking for some contemporary culture, Swain County offers numerous restaurants, bars, artist's studios and galleries. Live music, including the traditional bluegrass that the area is known for, is scheduled nightly for the week of the event at multiple locations.

**Swain County Area:** 541 sq. miles (1,400 km<sup>2</sup>)

**Population:** 12,968 (as of 2000)

**Geographic location:** 35°25'37"N 83°26'52"W

**Time Zone:** North Carolina is located on the east coast of the United States, and is in the US Eastern Standard Time Zone (EST). EST is five hours behind Greenwich Mean Time (GMT-5). During the summer months, when daylight savings time is observed, EDT is moved one hour forward, while GMT remains the same (GMT-4).

**Bryson City elevation:** 1736 feet (529 m)

**Highest Point in the County:** Clingmans Dome, a popular tourist destination, has an elevation of 6,643 feet (2024.8 m)

**Climate:** Beginning in September, clear skies and cooler weather signal the onset of the fall color season. In early September, daytime temperatures often still reach into the 80° or 90°F (27° – 32°C), but can fall into the 60s (16°C). Nights will be cooler, with the first frost of the year often occurring in late September. This is the driest period of the year, during which the area sees only occasional rain showers.

**Electricity:** 150V

**Telephones:** The international dialing code for the United States is +1 (or 00 1). Emergency calls within the United States dial 911.

**Healthcare:** There are a number of public healthcare facilities in Swain County. The closest facility to the Nantahala Gorge is the Swain Medical Center, located in Bryson City. (Phone: 838.488.2155)

**Visas:** Some athletes and teams will need entry visas to visit the United States. To aid in the visa application process, USA Canoe/Kayak will draft a personalized letter of invitation for athletes and delegates, who will add this to the materials they present to the consulate or embassy. To obtain an invitation letter, the federation may write to: [gerald@usack.org](mailto:gerald@usack.org).

**Customs Quotas & Regulations:** Limits are set on the import of certain goods into the United States. All passengers arriving on an international flight will be asked to declare which goods they are bringing, and may be taxed on their items.

**Embassies & Consulates:** Your embassy will be able to offer assistance in case you encounter difficulty while you are in the United States. You may find a list of international embassies in the United States on the [U.S. Department of State website](http://www.state.gov).

**International Airports:** The recommended airport of the 2013 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships is **Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport**. This airport is relatively close to the venue, is able to accommodate kayaks, and often offers affordable rates from many international destinations. For directions from the Atlanta Airport to the event venue (Nantahala Outdoor Center) click [HERE](#).

**Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL)**, Atlanta, GA

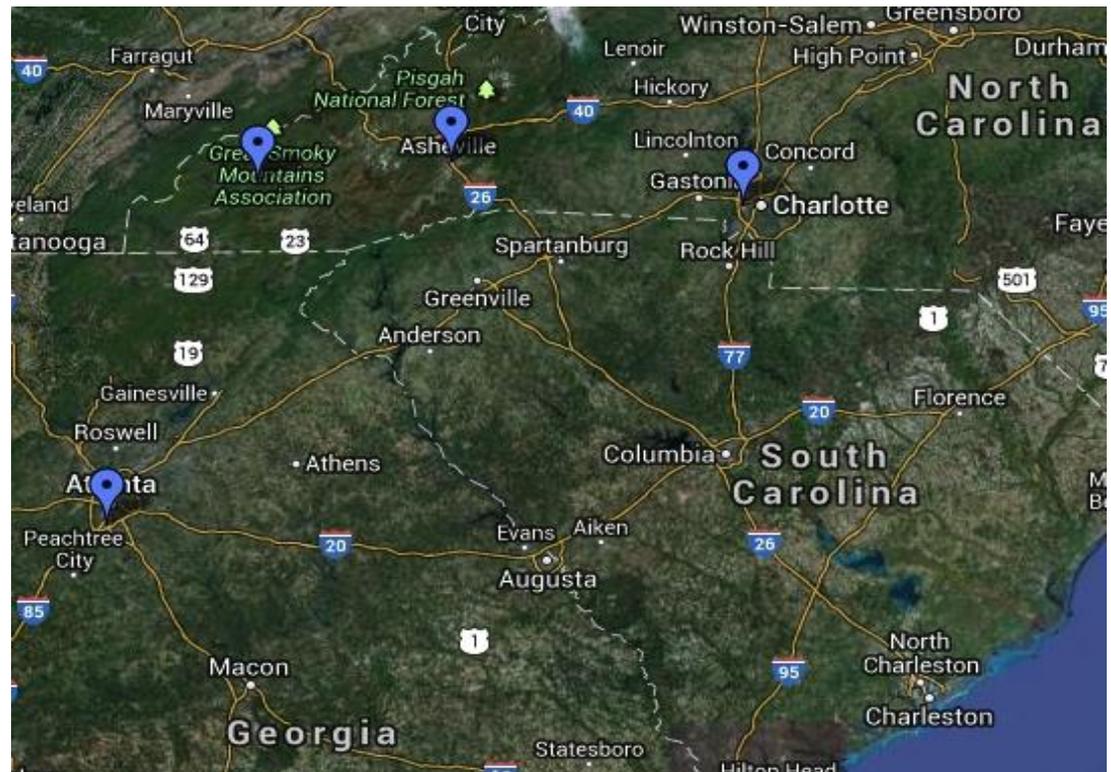
Drive time to NOC: 3.5 hrs (180 miles) • [Auto Rental](#)

**Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT)**, Charlotte, NC

Drive time to NOC: 3.5 hrs (185 miles) • [Auto Rental](#)

**Asheville Airport (AVL)**, Asheville, NC

Drive time to NOC: 3.5 hrs (81 miles) • [Auto Rental](#)



**Transportation:** Renting a car is the recommended method of travel in Western North Carolina. Because this is a rural area with little public transportation, athletes will need their own transportation to have the best possible experience during their stay in the United States. Car rental is available at all major airports. Please see airport information, above, for links to this information. For information about public transit in this area, visit: [www.swaintransit.com](http://www.swaintransit.com) or call 828.488.3213

**Shuttles – Arrival:** Shuttles depart from the below airport at the listed time:

- August 21: Atlanta-Hartsfield International Terminal – Atlanta, GA, 8 pm
- August 25: Atlanta-Hartsfield International Terminal – Atlanta, GA, 8 pm
- August 25: Charlotte Douglass International Airport – Charlotte, NC, 8 pm
- August 28: Charlotte Douglass International Airport – Charlotte, NC, 8 pm



**Shuttles – Departure:** Shuttles depart from NOC Campus at the listed time:

- September 9: Atlanta-Hartsfield International Terminal – Atlanta, GA, 9 am
- September 9: Atlanta-Hartsfield International Terminal – Charlotte, NC, 9 am

**Athlete shuttles are free per person, but boat transport will cost \$50 per boat (round trip).** Please email [zuzana.vanha@noc.com](mailto:zuzana.vanha@noc.com) for more information regarding athlete shuttles.

## COMPETITION VENUE

The 2013 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships will be hosted at the Nantahala Outdoor Center, located in the Nantahala Gorge, 13 miles outside of Bryson City.

**2013 Wave:** The 2013 Wave is a challenging, dynamic feature especially constructed for the 2013 ICF Freestyle World Championships. During the 2012 Freestyle World Cup, both male and female athletes scored very high points, and were able to perform all ICF freestyle moves. Recent modifications to the feature will modify depth as well as retention.

**Facilities:** Accommodations at the Nantahala Outdoor Center include lodging, restaurants, exercise room, boat storage, running and biking trails. Please see Athlete Lodging section for lodging details.





## ATHLETE ACCOMMODATION

**Onsite Teams Lodging:** NOC Basecamp – limited space is still available in the onsite bunk house . Cost is \$17/night per person.

**Free Athlete Camping:** Free athlete camping will be available on NOC property beginning August 26th. Athletes will have access to a shuttle to/from the event venue 3 times daily. Free kitchen and shower facilities provided.

For questions regarding onsite team accommodations, **to book a room** at NOC's Basecamp or **to reserve a camping spot**, please email: Mrs. Cathie Dean at [cathie.dean@noc.com](mailto:cathie.dean@noc.com).

**For a list of local lodging establishments** that are supporting the 2013 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships, please visit: [www.freestylekayaking2013.com/ptnr-lodging.php](http://www.freestylekayaking2013.com/ptnr-lodging.php).

## ATHLETE MEAL PLAN

**Athlete Meal Plan is available beginning August 26<sup>th</sup>.** Two consecutive week-long meal plan packages are available. Athletes can choose to book one or both plans.

**Dates:** Monday, August 26 – Sunday, September 1  
Monday, September 2 – Sunday, September 8

**Includes:** breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Cost:** \$130 (plus tax) per person for each week.

Meal Plans can be booked separately from lodging, **but must be booked in advance. Last day to register for a Meal Plan is August 1.**

Only athletes and official team support staff can purchase a Meal Plan. **No family or friends.** Meal Plans are non-refundable; there will be no refund for skipped meals.

Contact: Mrs. Cathie Deal at [cathie.dean@noc.com](mailto:cathie.dean@noc.com) to register for a Meal Plan.

## YOUTH OUTREACH

Make a difference in the life of a local child and reach out to educate students about your experience as a paddler. Share stories of your travels, explain what drives you to compete, and build connections across cultures.

This will require a commitment of approximately 1 hour. Please get involved! Email [info@FreestyleKayaking2013.com](mailto:info@FreestyleKayaking2013.com) for more information.

## TRAINING

**Official Training** period will begin on August 26, 2013 and end on September 1, 2013.

**IMPORTANT – Teams must register by August 1 to be included on the Official Training schedule. Teams must be registered by the Team Captain or NF.** To register, please email [info@FreestyleKayaking2013.com](mailto:info@FreestyleKayaking2013.com) with the following information: NF (country), dates of training, number of boats.

**Training during the year:** Training on the Nantahala is free. The Nantahala River is dam controlled, and will run every day during the summer of 2013. A Nantahala Scheduled Release Calendar is available [HERE](#), and represents Minimum Guaranteed Release for each day. Athletes should be aware that it takes the water approximately 2.5 hours to stabilize at



the feature following the start of the release. It will begin to visibly subside approximately 2 hours following the end of the release.

Actual releases are often much longer than what the schedule above indicates. For an accurate three-day release forecast, please view [Duke Energy's Flow Release Schedule](#).

## **REGIONAL TRAINING SITES**

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**Eternity Hole on the Tuckasegee** – Cullowhee, NC (45 minutes by car)

Info: [www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/detail/id/3391/](http://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/detail/id/3391/)

**Hell Hole on the Ocoee River** – Middle Ocoee, TN (1.5 hours by car)

Info: [www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/detail/id/1780/#main](http://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/detail/id/1780/#main)

In addition to several excellent play spots, there are bountiful whitewater rivers of varying difficulty in the area. American Whitewater provides in depth information, driving directions, and flow information at: [www.AmericanWhitewater.com](http://www.AmericanWhitewater.com).

## **COMPETITION RULES**

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The 2013 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships will be run in accordance to the ICF Canoe Freestyle Competition Rules. The 2013 Wave is an Attainable Feature.

## **CATEGORIES**

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**Men:** K1, Squirt, K1 Junior

**Women:** K1, Squirt, K1 Junior

**Unisex:** C1, OC1

**Maximum # of boats:** Varies per class, according to ICF Canoe Freestyle Competition Rules.

## **ENTRY FORMS & DEADLINES**

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**Numerical Entries:** Please see appended Numerical Entry Form, or download a form at [www.freestylekayaking2013.com/worlds-2013.html](http://www.freestylekayaking2013.com/worlds-2013.html). Numerical Entry deadline is July 22, 2013. Completed forms should be sent to [info@FreestyleKayaking2013.com](mailto:info@FreestyleKayaking2013.com)

**Nominal Entries:** Must be done via ICF ISIS: [canoeicf.com/icf/Misc/ISIS.html](http://canoeicf.com/icf/Misc/ISIS.html). Please contact us if you have any questions regarding entries. Nominal Entry deadline is August 2, 2013.

## **ACCREDITATION**

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Accreditation passes will be required to access on-campus parking, teams & competitor's areas.

**All athletes MUST be registered by their National Federation.** For questions regarding accreditation, please email Mrs. Angela Lokken with the HOC at: [whitewaterdgo@gmail.com](mailto:whitewaterdgo@gmail.com) or Mr. Michael Noyelle with ICF at: [michael.noyelle@canoeicf.com](mailto:michael.noyelle@canoeicf.com).

**Deadline for accreditation is August 2, 2013.**

Accreditation received after this date will incur an additional \$26. US processing fee.

**Accreditations** will be accepted only via ICF ISIS: [canoeicf.com/icf/Misc/ISIS.html](http://canoeicf.com/icf/Misc/ISIS.html).

**Accreditation Fee** is \$134.66 US per Athlete (Aa), Team Leader (AC), Technical Staff (Ao), Medical Staff (Am), or Team Assistants or other Delegates.



All personnel staying in on-campus Team Lodging or accessing Teams areas must have accreditation.

**Accreditation can be paid via bank transfer or cash on arrival.** Accreditations paid via bank transfer should arrive no later than August 26, 2013; all transaction costs are the responsibility of the NF.

**BANK DETAILS:**

Bank Name: Wells Fargo Bank NA  
Bank Address: San Francisco, CA  
Swift Code: WFBIUS6W  
Credit To: United Community Banks  
ABA: 061112843

**FOR FINAL CREDIT TO:**

Customer Name: NOC ADV LLC  
Customer's Account Number: 2105177618  
Account Currency: USD  
Please quote reference – **2013WORLDS-XXX** (XXX is your country code)

**PRESS & MEDIA INFORMATION**

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Press and media information can be found at: [www.freestylekayaking2013.com/media.html](http://www.freestylekayaking2013.com/media.html)

**IMPORTANT CONTACTS**

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## PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

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### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

- Cascades and Upper Nantahala Recreational Release

### MONDAY, AUGUST 26

- Nations Training begins  
- Accreditation Pick-up begins  
- Youth Programming begins

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

- Accreditation Check begins in Athlete Village

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

- Cheoah River Recreational Release  
1700 Volunteer Meeting

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

1200 – 1600 Boat Control  
1800 Team Leaders' Meeting

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

1700 – 1900 Opening Ceremonies  
1900 VIP & Team Leader's Reception  
2000 Big Air Show  
1900 – 2200 Live Music

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

0800 Technical Control  
0900 Judges Meeting  
0930 – 1000 Emergency Control  
1000 – 1400 Competition: Preliminary Rounds  
1400 – 1500 Break  
1500 – 1700 Competition: Preliminary Rounds  
1900 – 2200 Live Music

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

0800 Technical Control  
0900 Judges Meeting  
0930 – 1000 Emergency Control  
1000 – 1300 Competition: Preliminary Rounds  
1300 – 1400 Wave Sport Wesser Falls Extreme Race  
1400 – 1700 Competition: Preliminary Rounds  
1900 – 2000 Dagger Dash: Competitor's Race  
1900 – 2200 Live Music



#### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

0800	Technical Control
0900	Judges Meeting
0930 – 1000	Emergency Control
1000 – 1300	Competition: Quarter Finals
1000 – 1200	US Wildwater Nationals Classic Race
1300 – 1400	SUP Head-to-Head Race
1400 – 1700	Competition: Quarter Finals
1900 – 2200	Live Music

#### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

0900	Technical Control
1000	Judges Meeting
1030 – 1100	Emergency Control
1100 – 1500	Competition: Semifinals
1500 – 1600	US Wildwater Nationals Sprint Race
1600 – 2300	Live Music
1900 – 2000	Dagger Presents: 8-Ball through the 2013 Wave
2000 – 2200	Competition: Semifinals

#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

0900	Technical Control
1000	Judges Meeting
1030 – 1100	Emergency Control
1200 – 1500	Competition: Semifinals
1100 – 1400	Wilderness Systems Lake Demos
1400 – 1500	Wilderness Systems Challenge
1500 – 1600	Bomber Gear Dress for Success Challenge
1630	Rubber Duckie Race
1600 – 1700	VIP Raft Race
1700 – 1730	Cherokee Tribal Dance
1600 – 2300	Live Music
2000 – 2200	Competition: Semifinals

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

0800	Technical Control
0900	Judges Meeting
0930 – 1000	Emergency Control
1100 – 1300	Competition: Finals
1100 – 1500	Adventure Technology Lake Demos
1300 – 1400	RPM presents: The Stern Squirt Session
1400 – 1600	Competition: Finals
1500	Awards Ceremony
1530	Closing Ceremonies
1600 – 2300	Live Music
2100 – ????	Athlete & Teams Party



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NUMERICAL ENTRY FORM

<b>National Federation</b>	
<b>Country</b>	

<b>Class</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>N° of Boats</b>
K1			
C1			
OC1			
Squirt			
Junior K1			
<b>Total</b>			

\*Please note: there will be no separate Women’s Class for C1 and OC1

<b>NON-COMPETITORS</b>			
<b>Team Leader</b>	<b>Officials</b>	<b>Coaches</b>	<b>Other Persons</b>

<b>GENERAL INFORMATION</b>		
<b>Total of Persons</b>	<b>Intended Arrival</b>	<b>Intended Departure</b>

<b>Authorized by (name)</b>	<b>National Federation Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

**This form must reach Organizer no later than July 15, 2013.**

Please send Numerical Entry to: [info@freestylekayaking2013.com](mailto:info@freestylekayaking2013.com)