## The ANIMAL is Sweet 16!!



As the last days of summer are coming up, the Olympics are winding down... and we are getting ready for a **BIG GAULEY SEASON** here in WV! This year's event is shaping up to be a great one- some new sponsors on board, plenty of water for our fall releases, and reports are that lots of folks coming out to race!!

Our site is up and loaded with printable registrations forms as well as the <u>active.com</u>. To get to the forms and online registration go to <u>www.gauleyrace.com</u> There are **results** there as well as links to images, etc. We hope to have a great turnout again this year!

Will Logan return to defend his title as fastest playboat? Will the "Speeders" dominate the plastic longboat category again? Will Geoff Calhoun (Wildwater National Champion 2008!) come back to defend his title as the fastest man on the Gauley. Will Katie Buddenberg return to defend her title as the fastest woman on the Gauley?? Where is Mark Hamilton? Will the Ripboarders come out and rip it up? Will the Striders stride the Gauley again this year? Time will tell friends, but we do know this- The Race is ON! And we want to hear from you and see your smiling faces her for the incredible race on the Gauley! So C'mon... how fast can YOU paddle the Gauley?

## News worth talking about:

New sponsors are on the horizon line for prizes. One word- Awesome. Another biggie- Our partner Confluence Resort has given us a ticket for free accommodations there for a weekend at one of their fine (and I do mean fine) homes. Confluence is at the rim of the Gauley and Meadow Rivers and is a spectacular location. One of the newest homes just finished there looks like, well take a look for yourself:



Yep... spectacular isn't it? Indeed it is. Right on the rim of the Meadow and Gauley with biking and hiking trails just out the door. We will be drawing for this prize so get psyched and picture yourself in the hot tub!

Now that you are all worked up- spread the word and come join in a great race and celebrate the Gauley with us – Sweet 16!!

If you need more info about the area or lodging just drop us an email and we will be happy to help.

Happy Paddling,

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