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Nantahala Gorge
Bryson City, North Carolina, USA
August 2-7, 2015

**2015 ICF JUNIOR & U23 WILDWATER CANOEING
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
BRYSON CITY, NORTH CAROLINA, USA
AUGUST 2-7, 2015**

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Joseph Jacobi, CEO
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December 22, 2014

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 2015 ICF Junior & U23 Wildwater Canoeing World Championships to be held on the Nantahala River near Bryson City, North Carolina on August 2-7, 2015. The official event website is www.nantahala2015.com.

This premier wildwater event is slated to draw over 200 wildwater canoers and thousands of spectators from around the world to the Nantahala Gorge, located in the heart of the North Carolina moky Mountains.

For assistance with visa related issues please contact Gerald Babao at gerald@usack.org.

For event and travel related questions please contact info@nantahala2015.com

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

Thank you very much for your support.

Sincerely,

Joe Jacobi, Chief Executive Officer

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HOSTS & ORGANIZATION

Nantahala Outdoor Center
USA Canoe/Kayak
Nantahala Racing Club

DATE

August 2 – 7, 2015

OFFICIAL EVENT WEBSITE

www.nantahala2015.com

GENERAL INFORMATION: NANTAHALA GORGE AND BRYSON CITY, USA

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, horse back riding, hiking and camping.

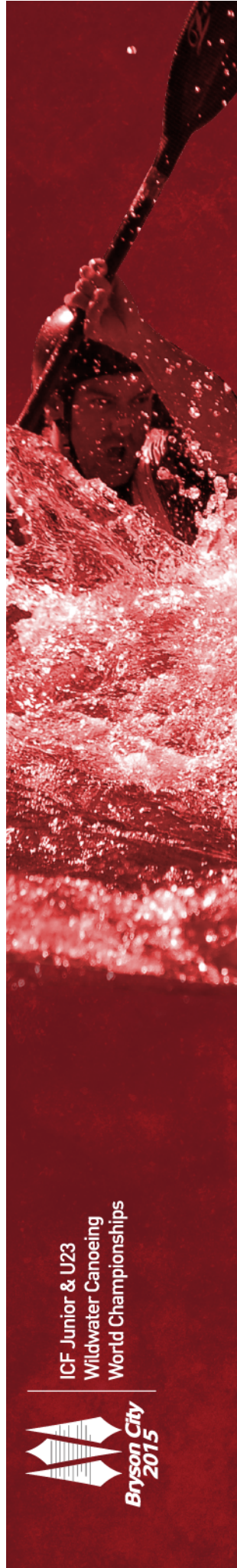


The region is also rich in cultural and historical significance. An important tribal area for the Cherokee people, many rivers, mountains and other landmarks still bear their Cherokee names. The word Nantahala, for example, means "Land of the Noon-day Sun." Today, Cherokee arts and crafts, as well as 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: <http://www.greatsmokies.com/>

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.

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Swain County Area: 541 sq. miles (1,400 km²)

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: In July, daytime temperatures will rarely exceed 90°F (32°C), and will usually fall into the 60s (16°C) at night. This is typically a dry month often peppered with strong, late afternoon thunderstorms.

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.

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](#).

International Airports: The recommended airport of the 2015 ICF Junior & U23 Wildwater Canoeing 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

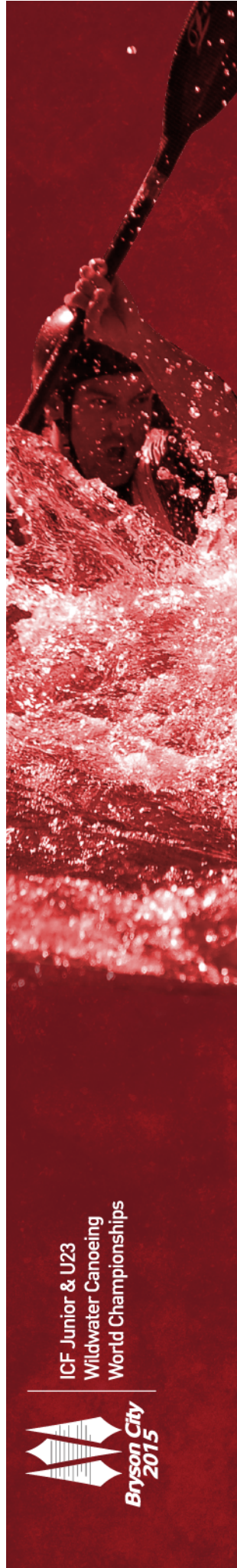
Drive time to NOC: 3.5 hrs (180 miles) [Auto Rental](#)

[Charlotte Douglas International Airport](#), Charlotte, NC

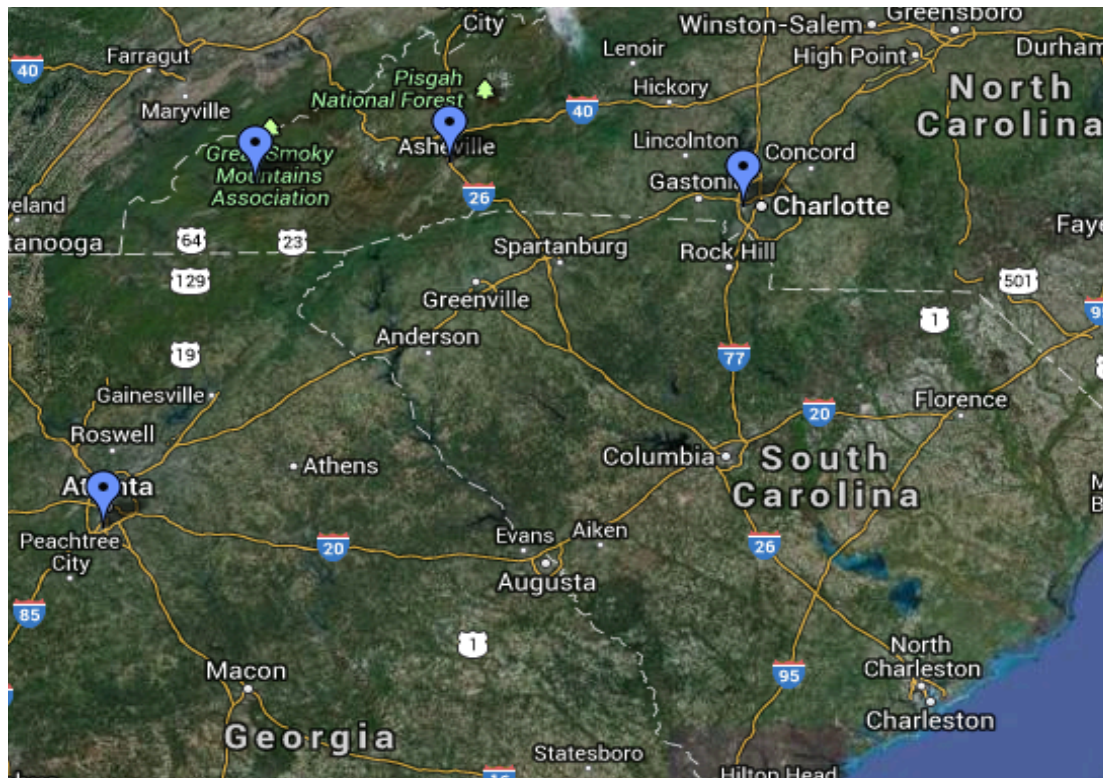
Drive time to NOC: 3.5 hrs (185 miles) [Auto Rental](#)

[Asheville Airport](#), Asheville, NC

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



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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 or call 828.488.3213

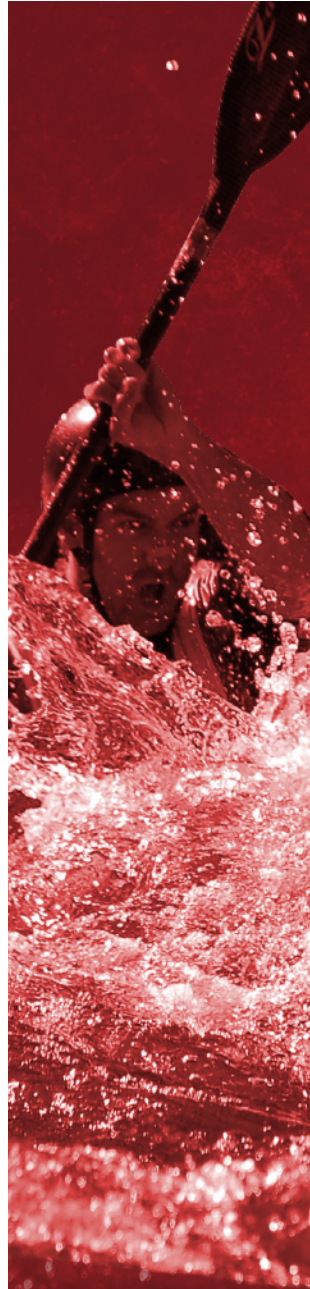
Shuttles – Arrival: Shuttles depart from the below airport at the listed time:

- July 20: Atlanta-Hartsfield International Terminal – Atlanta, GA, 8pm
- July 24: Atlanta-Hartsfield International Terminal – Atlanta, GA, 8pm
- July 24: Charlotte Douglass International Airport – Charlotte, NC, 8pm
- July 27: Charlotte Douglass International Airport – Charlotte, NC, 8pm

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

- August 8: Atlanta-Hartsfield International Terminal – Atlanta, GA, 9am
- August 8: Charlotte Douglass International Airport – Charlotte, NC, 9am

Athlete shuttles will cost \$50 per person (round trip). Please email info@nantahala2015.com for more information regarding athlete shuttles.



COMPETITION VENUE

The 2015 ICF Junior & U23 Wildwater Canoeing World Championships will be hosted at the Nantahala Outdoor Center, located in the Nantahala Gorge, 13 miles outside of Bryson City.

Nantahala River: The majority of the Nantahala is cold, splashy class II whitewater. Nantahala Falls is the class III exception to that rule. The Nantahala's most notable feature is its dam controlled, cold water, which is 45° F (7° C) year round. The river usually runs 7 days a week. The Nantahala is completely roadside along US HWY 19/74. The US Forest Service maintains put-in and take-outs.

Facilities: Accommodations at the Nantahala Outdoor Center include lodging, restaurants, exercise room, boat storage, running and biking trails.



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ATHLETE ACCOMMODATION

Onsite Teams Lodging: NOC Basecamp – Hostel-style lodging, offers group kitchen, dining and bathroom facilities. Sleeps two to eight persons/room. Cost is \$17/night per person plus taxes & fees.

NOC Cabins & motel: Includes private kitchen, bathroom and dining area. Sleeps 4 to 13 people. Cost starts at \$59/night plus taxes & fees.

For questions regarding onsite team accommodations, to book a room at NOC's Basecamp or to reserve a camping spot, please email: lodging@nantahala2015.com.

For a list of local lodging establishments that are supporting the 2015 ICF Junior & U23 Canoeing World Championships, please visit: www.greatsmokies.com.

TRAINING

Official Training period will begin on July 29, 2015 and end on August 3, 2015.

IMPORTANT – Teams must register by July 1 to be included on the Official Training schedule. To register, please email info@nantahala2015.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 2015. 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 Nantahala Outdoor Center 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](#). The Nantahala River is heavily rafted.

REGIONAL TRAINING SITES

Tuckaseegee River – Cullowhee, NC (45 minutes by car)

Info: <http://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/detail/id/3391/>

Ocoee River – Middle Ocoee, TN (1.5 hours by car)

Info: <http://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/detail/id/1780/#main>

Pigeon River – Hartford, TN (1.5 hours by car)

Info: <http://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/detail/id/1782/>

In addition to several excellent whitewater runs, there are bountiful whitewater rivers of various difficulty in the area. American Whitewater provides in depth information, driving directions, and flow information at: www.AmericanWhitewater.com.

COMPETITION RULES

The 2015 ICF Junior & U23 Wildwater Canoeing World Championships will be run in accordance to the current ICF Wildwater Competition Rules.

CATEGORIES

Men: K1 Junior, C1 Junior, C2 Junior
K1 U23, C1 U23, C2 U23

Women: K1 W Junior, C1 W Junior
K1 W U23, C1 W U23

ENTRY FORMS & DEADLINES

Numerical Entries: Please see appended Numerical Entry Form, or download a form at www.nantahala2015.com/worlds-2015.html. Numerical Entry deadline is June 15, 2015. Completed forms should be sent to info@nantahala2015.com.

Nominal Entries: Must be done via ICF ISIS: <http://canoeicf.com/icf/Misc/ISIS.html>. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding entries. Nominal Entry deadline is July 19, 2015.

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@nantahala2015.com for more information.

ACCREDITATION

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

Accreditation system opens April 6, 2015.

Accreditation received after this date will incur an additional \$30.00 USD processing fee.

Accreditations will be accepted only via ICF ISIS: <http://canoeicf.com/icf/Misc/ISIS.html>.

Accreditation Fee is \$70.00 USD 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. Accreditations paid via bank transfer should arrive no later than July 19, 2015. All transaction costs are the responsibility of the NF.

BANK DETAILS:

Bank Name: Wells Fargo Bank NA
Bank Address: San Francisco, CA
Swift Code: WFBUS6W
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 – 2015WORLD5-XXX (XXX is your country code)

Press & Media Information

Press and media information can be found at: <http://www.freestylekayaking2013.com/media.html>

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PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

1000 – 1700 Boat Control by Nations
1800 Team Leaders Meeting

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

1000 – 1400 Emergency Boat Control
1600 Opening Ceremony
1800 Team Leaders Reception

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

0900 – 1100 Individual Wildwater Classic Race
C1M, K1W, K1M, C1W, C2M, C2W
1800 Team Leaders Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

0900 – 1100 Team Wildwater Classic Race
C1M, K1W, K1M, C1W, C2M, C2W
1800 Team Leaders Meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

0900 – 1100 Individual Wildwater Sprint Race / Qualification
C1M, K1W, K1M, C1W, C2M, C2W
1300 Medal Ceremony (Classic Races)
1800 Team Leaders Meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

0900 – 1100 Team Wildwater Sprint Race
C1M, K1W, K1M, C1W, C2M, C2W

1600 – 1700 Individual Wildwater Sprint Race / Finals
C1M, K1W, K1M, C1W, C2M, C2W
1900 Medal Ceremony (Sprint Races) & Closing Ceremony