



USA Wildwater

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2008 National Wildwater Event Venues

The USA Wildwater Committee Announces the National Race Venues for 08-09

December 12, 2007 – The Wildwater Committee of the USA Canoe Kayak Team is extremely pleased to announce the venues for 2008 National Team Trials and for the 2008-09 USA National Championships.

Our goal was to choose organizers that we could count on to have well run venues that will be well attended. It was also important to balance our domestic calendar with the international race calendar for 08 and 09. And we were fortunate to have venues with river conditions that are similar to those in international racing.

We are proud to award announce the following venue awards:

2008 Senior Team Trials are awarded to Wilderness Vouageurs, to be held on the Cheat River Narrows in WV April 5-6. Seth Eisner will serve as Race Director.

2008 Eastern Junior Trials will be with the Senior Trials on the Cheat.

2008 Western Junior Trials are awarded to FIBArk, Salida CO, to be held on the Arkansas River June (13-15). Ed Loffel will serve as race director. Ed plans to organize the race so that competitors can race the Wildwater events on Thursday and Friday, race Slalom on Saturday, and do the FIBArk classic downriver race on Sunday.

2008 Nationals are awarded to Zoar Outdoor in Charlemont MA, who did a great job of running 2007 Nationals. The venue was chosen due to the strong organization by Zoar, the “Dryway” course, and the optimal date for our Nationals of August 1-3. Race Director Karen Blom will request water for the Dryway the weekend prior to the race and also plans to hold other events in conjunction with the Nationals race.

2009 Nationals are awarded to FIBArk, Salida, CO, June 18-21, 09. With the 2009 World Cups being held in Tasmania, this is the perfect time to hold a mega event in conjunction with Fibark. Fibark/Nationals Race Director will work closely with USA Wildwater to help build the 2009 event to international race of choice!

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