



## **USA Wildwater**

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## **Call for Help for the Wildwater Junior Worlds**

We need your help! Now that it is all said and done, USA Canoe/Kayak is left with a deficit of over \$20,000 from hosting the Wildwater Junior World Championships. We need your help to help eliminate this deficit.

By all accounts, the Wildwater Junior World Championships were a wonderful event and a huge success. They were run very well and they were well attended by USA racers. The event helped raise the profile of Wildwater racing in the US and attracted new racers to our sport in the all important junior category. In addition, we showed the Europeans (again) that we know how to run a first class international event, which will bode well for future bids.

Unfortunately the event was unable to generate sufficient revenue to cover the high costs of putting on a world-class championship that met tough ICF standards. As a result USACK, which hosted this important event to support its growing contingent of Wildwater members, is faced with a significant deficit that if unaddressed will cripple its ability to continue supporting its non-Olympic sports such as Wildwater. The USA Wildwater Committee (WWC) has investigated, analyzed and very thoroughly debated the situation. Ultimately the WWC has concluded that the right thing to do is to respond to the call for help from our governing body and to help eliminate this unbudgeted deficit.

The WWC feels strongly enough about the situation that we are taking the following actions:

1. The WWC has donated its entire 2007 funding from USACK (a \$2500 non-Olympic stipend) back to USACK. (Note: this has already reduced the Junior Worlds deficit to below \$20,000).
2. We are requesting YOUR help with donations to lower or eliminate the remaining deficit.

You can help us help USACK with the Junior Worlds deficit in one of two ways:

1. If you are unable to help financially, please forward this on to someone that can.
2. If you can help please forward a tax deductible donation. **Please make the checks out to: USA Canoe/Kayak and mark the memo field with “For the Wildwater Junior Worlds.”** Send your donations to:

**USA Canoe/Kayak  
Attention: Gerald Babao  
301 South Tryon Street, Suite 1750  
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Thank you for your support of Wildwater and of USA Canoe/Kayak,

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