



2011 USACK Wildwater National Championships - Update

The USA Wildwater Committee has officially awarded the 2011 USA Wildwater National Championship to the FIBArk organization in Salida, CO on June 15-19.

FIBArk has a longstanding history of running outstanding whitewater events and we are excited to be part of the 2011 FIBArk festivities. The Salida, CO area has a well deserved nickname as the "heart of the Rockies" and "whitewater capital of the world".

In addition, FIBArk has continued to go grow in their expertise in running Wildwater/Downriver events. Our 2009 Nationals Mega Event held in conjunction with FIBArk was "World Class". In addition, the support of the local community and racing clubs in the region really help us promote and develop the sport of Wildwater/Downriver racing. And last but not least, our newly forged alliance with the ACA allows for additional synergies with FIBArk.

The priority for this year's scheduling was exposure for the Wildwater events. Our event times will give maximum opportunity for spectators particularly for the Sprint Races and Head to Head Sprint -- Both are scheduled to coincide with times and off river events that have traditionally brought large crowds to the Whitewater Park. The Sprint Thursday will precede the Tenderfoot Hill Climb and the Head to Head Sprint is scheduled just prior to the Hooligan. The times for these events are firm; the Classic start time may be adjusted to work with other river events.

The updated schedule is:

- Tuesday June 14th - Training Camp (Sprint)
- Wednesday June 15th - Training Camp (Classic)
- Thursday June 16th – USA Wildwater Nationals Sprint - 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM, in the Wildwater Park
- Friday June 17th - USA Wildwater Nationals Classic - 5:00 PM, starting above the Wildwater Park and finishing below Bear Creek Rapid
- Saturday June 18th - Wildwater Open Sprint (Head to Head) - 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM, just before the Hooligan Race
- Sunday June 19th – Downriver Marathon

Having all 4 of our events: the US Nationals Sprint, the US Nationals Classic, the Head to Head Sprint race, and the FIBArk downriver events, all paddling through the downtown Salida Whitewater Park during peak spectator hours... is a huge opportunity to promote our sport and the FIBArk organization for running a National Championship event!!!

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