

WOKAfest Event Rules and Organization

1. Downriver Race (Sunday Morning)

- **Course:** Gypsy Camp to the top of the WOKA Channel.
- **Divisions:**
 - **Solo Canoe**
 - **Men's Tandem Canoe**
 - **Mixed Tandem Canoe**
 - **Kayak 9'+**
 - **Kayak under 9'**
 - **SUP**
- **Race**
 - The race will have an offset start at Gypsy Camp and Canoe based upon category.
 - The course will finish when any part of the vessel or racer touches the marked buoy above the WOKA Whitewater channel
 - Times will be kept based upon the start time and finish time of the racers.
 - THIS RACE CONTAINS NO RUN THROUGH THE WHITEWATER CHANNEL.

2. Boater Cross (Saturday Morning)

- **Divisions:** Men and Women Divisions
- **Requirements:** Plastic boats only.
- **Awards:** Recognition for top three winners of each division

- **Heats:** Multiple heats, each with 2-4 paddlers. The winner of each heat progresses until an overall winner is decided.
- **Course**
 - **Start:** Competitors start in the pool above the channel and enter through two gates after the horn sounds. Max 4 boats per heat.
 - Racers will navigate a series of 7-10 gates consisting of upstream/downstream gates, with one roll gate.
 - Each racer will make two runs back to back with a break every two rounds, until all heats are completed
 - **Gate Completion:** A gate is successfully negotiated when the paddler's head, both shoulders, and a part of the boat cross the gate line (extending from the cone/island to the main current) from downstream to upstream.
 - **Finish:** The race ends when the front of the boat crosses the final drop (Drop 8).

3. Trail Runs 5k/10k (Saturday Morning)

- **Format:** Fun-Run style.
- **Participation:** Every participant receives a participation award and a t-shirt.
- Runs will take place on a mixture of soft/hard surface trails on the WOKA Trail system.
- *This is not a competitive race, there are not awards given out for top finishers, every participant receives a completion prize*

4. Freestyle Kayak Jam (Saturday Afternoon)

- **Freestyle Kayak Jam:** Open session for kayak tricks and skills
- Event participants
- *This is an unjudged event, there are not awards given out for top finishers*

5. Surf Jam (Saturday Afternoon)

- **Surf Jam:** Focus on wave surfing skills.
- **Costume Surf:** Participants are encouraged to surf in costume; judging based on creativity and performance.
- *This is an unjudged event, there are not awards given out for top finishers*

6. Canoe/Kayak Slalom (Sunday Morning)

- **Divisions:** Men and Women Divisions
- **Requirements:** Navigation through a set gate course without touches or missed gates.
- **Rules:** Based on canoe slalom competition standards, competitors must navigate a course of upstream and downstream gates. Penalties are assessed for gate touches (2 seconds) and missed gates (50 seconds).
 - The course will be laid out Saturday night, no racers are allowed to practice the course once the gates have been set.
 - There will be one demo boat run of the whole course Sunday morning before competition for racers to see the course.
- **Awards:** Recognition for top three winners of each division.
- **Format:**
 - This is a time-trial format with single racers on the course at a time. Competitors race against the clock; the fastest time, including any penalties, determines the winner.
 - The course
 - Every participant gets two runs through the course with the fastest time being kept.

7. Unicorn Race (Sunday Afternoon)

- **Description:** Bring your favorite pool floaty, anything goes so long as its not meant for whitewater! No Paddles!!!

