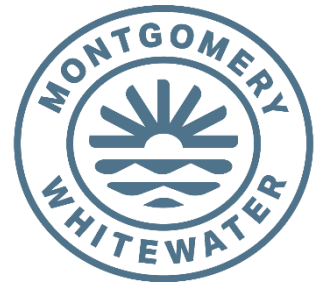




U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM TRIALS

CANOE/KAYAK SLALOM

APRIL 13-14, 2024 • MONTGOMERY, AL





Welcome!

The American Canoe Association (ACA) and Montgomery Whitewater are pleased to welcome you to the 2024 Canoe/Kayak Slalom Cross Olympic Team Trials, April 13-14, in Montgomery, Alabama.

If you're not already familiar with Montgomery Whitewater, I encourage you to take a few minutes to look over our website at <https://montgomerywhitewater.com/> and check out some of our videos and photos on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube @montgomerywhitewater. Since many of you will be training in Montgomery for an extended period, we also invite you to explore Montgomery's cultural scene and historic sites. To learn more, we encourage you to visit <https://experiencemontgomeryal.org/>. The site sits along the Alabama River, which is made up of the Coosa and the Tallapoosa just upstream. Alabama itself has a ton of great whitewater in the northern part of the state and is home to the Alabama Cup, a race series started in the early 1990's. With the creation of Montgomery Whitewater in the southern region of the state, the sky is the limit in terms of growing the sport and we look forward to many more years of racing while growing the sport of canoe and kayak, year round. See you soon!

Sincerely,

Dave Hepp

Montgomery Whitewater CEO

GENERAL INFORMATION

Host Organizations

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Event website and Registration:

<https://americancanoe.org/event/2024-canoe-slalom-and-olympic-team-trials-montgomery-whitewater/>

Competition Venue



Pre-Competition Training Period

Montgomery will be running public water beginning March 16, 2024. Water times can be found here and are updated regularly: <https://montgomerywhitewater.com/calendar/month/2024-03/>

While water is running, athletes are free to train with slalom gates in the channel. The venue will communicate directly with the coaches and athletes if gates need to be pulled to the side for rafting traffic, if so the venue will create slalom specific times for athletes between March 16 and April 3. Athletes will need to purchase Day passes or Season passes to cover their costs associated with paddling on the course. <https://montgomerywhitewater.com/activities/whitewater-kayak/> Athletes will need to check in at Base Camp each day, prior to getting on the water and will receive a wristband, showing that you have signed a waiver. Day passes = \$25 and Season passes = \$199.

Maxwell Air Force base, our next door neighbor, is hosting an air show the weekend of April 6-7: <https://www.maxwell.af.mil/Beyond-the-Horizon/> We will have an excellent view of the show that weekend, we encourage you to come early to train before the official training week begins April 8, 2024. In addition, on **Thursday April 4th between 5pm – 7pm** we will be running a special training session and are inviting all athletes to come and paddle as we host an event on-site for the pilots, officials, along

with city and county officials. This venue is a county-led project and the local officials and air force base leadership are very excited to see what the sport of slalom is all about. So despite the web calendar saying “closed for a private event”, it is open to our slalom community. More details to come closer to April 4th.

Official Training

Official training begins on April 8, 2024. Training sessions will be added in the mornings and afternoons during the week leading up to the trials race.

Competitions

The 2024 Canoe/Kayak Slalom Olympic Team Trials will begin on April 13 and end on April 14. The competition schedule for the entire event will be published after the close of the registration period. The weekend will also be the Junior Slalom Trials and Kayak Cross Junior Trials.

- Day 1 - Two CSL runs in the morning and CSLX time trials in the afternoon
- Day 2 – Two CSL runs in the morning, followed by CSLX elimination in the afternoon and awards to follow

The following events will be offered during the competition: WK1, MK1, WC1, MC1, WX1, and MX1.

Competition Rules

The 2024 Canoe/Kayak Slalom Olympic Team Trials will be run in accordance with the current ICF Canoe Slalom Competition (race format and advancements).

Accreditation and Check-in

Registration will be through ACA and race information will be headquartered in the Outfitter Store, otherwise known as Base Camp, once on-site in Montgomery.

Payment

The registration fee is \$50 USD per athlete which covers official training and competition water time and will be made through ACA website here: <https://americancanoe.org/event/2024-canoe-slalom-and-olympic-team-trials-montgomery-whitewater/>

Registration and payment can be made online beginning March 1, 2024 and close March 23, 2024

Transportation to Montgomery, Alabama

Montgomery, AL is 155 miles to the southeast of Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson Airport, just off of I85 south. Montgomery Regional Airport is about 10 miles from Montgomery Whitewater and is served by American Airlines and Delta Airlines. <https://flymgm.com/> Birmingham Shuttlesworth International Airport is 95 miles north of Montgomery, where most regional airlines operate. <https://www.flybirmingham.com/>

Hotels

The following hotels are offering lower rates for the US Open race in March and the Olympic Trials in April.

[Staybridge – Montgomery \(in downtown\)](#). See links below, if you have any questions email directly to:

staybridgemontergy.sales@sbsmontgomery.com

<https://www.staybridge.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=SB&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=MGMBB&PMID=99801505&GPC=USO&cn=no&viewfullsite=true>

<https://www.staybridge.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=SB&localeCode=en®ionCode=925&hotelCode=MGMBB&PMID=99801505&GPC=UST&cn=no&viewfullsite=true>

Hilton Garden Inn – East Montgomery

[Available Rooms - Hilton Garden Inn Montgomery East](#)

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Stay APT Suites – East Montgomery

[Details - StayAPT Montgomery / Eastern Bypass \(windsurfercrs.com\)](#)

EXTRA SERVICES

Medical Services

During the event period (April 13-14, 2024) we will provide a first aid service. Please note that this medical service will cover only emergency cases and that all participants are responsible for arranging, at their cost, their own medical insurance policy.

PRESS AND MEDIA INFORMATION

Please contact Meg Lewis, megl@louhammond.com, and include your full name, telephone number, the name of your media outlet.

Local Media Officer

Megan McKenzie

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Volunteer Information

Please contact Paul Belle Isle, email: pbisle@montgomerywhitewater.com for any questions and/or volunteer opportunities for the US Open March 23-24. Paul is also a great point of contact, as the Kayak Manager, to schedule future training camps, races, and employment opportunities at Montgomery Whitewater. Looking forward to making Montgomery Whitewater a year round training hub for National and International teams. We are always looking for more instructors and raft guides throughout the spring, summer, and fall seasons.

