

EVY LEIBFARTH

ACA Athlete Questionnaire

Age: 14

Discipline: Slalom

Event: K1, C1, C2

From: Bryson City, NC

Learn about Evy:



Q: When did you first start paddling?

A: My dad got me into kayaking when I was 4 years old!

Q: What is your favorite thing about paddling?

A: I love the adrenaline and the challenge of navigating gates through whitewater --- but also all the amazing friends I have has the chance to meet.

Q:What is your best result? When and where?

A: I would say this year at US team trials in Charlotte. I won the women's k1 junior and senior categories.



Q: What are your goals in this sport?

A: I want to win an Olympic medal someday, and I want to also help get more kids into paddling.

Q: What are your goals outside of the sport? Professional & or personal:

A: Personally, I never want to stop pushing myself and growing as a person. I want to become a surgeon or a graphic designer!

Q: Who is your biggest role model?

A: Jessica Fox. She is an Australian slalom K1 and C1 paddler who has won multiple Olympic metals and is insanely fast. Even though she's the best she really supports all paddlers and inspires me to train more!

Q: Where is your favorite place to paddle?

A: There is a course in Germany called Augsburg which is my favorite place to train. It was the 1972 Olympic course.



Q: What are your hobbies?

A: I love skateboarding and surfing on the sport side of things. I also love drawing and doing any kind of art.

Q: What do you think paddling has taught you?

A: Paddling has taught me so much and really shaped me as a person. It has taught me how to learn from my mistakes and failures, how to push myself, and how to manage my time/balance school and training.

Q: What advice would you give to aspiring athletes?

A: Have fun with the sport! If you like it a lot, it will be so much easier to train during hard sessions and bad weather, and also easier to learn from your mistakes. When your having fun, you are able to see where all your hard work is taking you. Getting started in a program with friends can really motivate you so joining a camp at someplace like the ones the [Nantahala Outdoor Center](#) hosts can be a great experience!

Q: If you could have a super power, what would it be?

A: Speed. Well, preferably the ability to turn into a mermaid but if that wasn't a choice, then at least I could be REALLY fast.