



**2021 USCA
National Canoe & Kayak
Championships**

August 12-15, 2021

Chapman Lake & Allegheny River, Warren, PA

Hosted by

**Warren County Chamber of Business and
Industry**

For more information go to www.wccbi.org or
Contact John Papalia, Race Director, at 814-723-3050 or by email at jpapalia@wccbi.org

Welcome Back Paddlers!

Warren County Pennsylvania is proud of our heritage of serving as Host for the USCA National Canoe and Kayak Championships dating back to 2003 and we are looking forward to welcoming back USCA members to our community in 2021! While much has changed over the past year, several key elements of our outdoor recreational assets remain available to provide exceptional venues for the USCA Nationals! These include Chapman State Park, an ideal venue for the Sprint Events and the Allegheny River, with water control available through the Kinzua Dam, providing a challenging course for Marathon Races.

For the 2021 running of the USCA National Canoe and Kayak Marathon Championship events we will be utilizing the Allegheny River Course like in years past. The course starts at the Tailwaters of the Kinzua Dam and finishes at the Western end of the City of Warren at Betts Park. Two upstream paddles sections will be included in the Adult Marathon course, the first at Shipman's Eddy and the second within the City of Warren itself. These upstream paddles provide additional challenge to participants as well as overall distance to the racecourse needed to meet the overall course completion time parameters set by USCA. Junior racers will NOT complete the upstream portions of the course.

Warren County will again be working closely with the US Army Corps of Engineers to monitor the water levels in the Allegheny River to ensure to the greatest extent possible optimum level for all marathon competition days. We will also strive to have level controls in place for a designated time on Wednesday, August 11th to support practice running of the course at "race levels". The ability to adjust water levels is completely at the discretion of the Corps of Engineers and is provided only if adjustments to the outflow of the Kinzua Dam has no deleterious impact on the reservoir or downstream activities.

One section of rough water exists on this course at the western end of the United Refining Company facility. This section is approximately 100 yards long and will actively monitored by Glade Volunteer Fire Department Swift-water rescue personnel.

Appropriate and convenient boat jiggling and impound areas will be established and maintained throughout the Marathon portion of the event adjacent to the finish line boat launch area of Betts Park.

Please see the included Important Information for the USCA Nationals

See you in August!

Warren County Chamber Staff

Important Information for the 2021 USCA National Championships

1. 2021 USCA membership is required to participate in all USCA Nationals Events.

- a. Send USCA membership application to Lynne McDuffie, Membership Chair
410 Cockman Road, Robbins, NC 27325
- b. Membership information available at www.uscanoe.com
- c. **Proof of membership is required for event registration.**

2. Event Registration

- a. By mail on or before **FRIDAY, JULY 23RD, 2021** with check payable to:
Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry (WCCBI)
308 Market Street
Warren, PA 16365
- b. No day-of-event registration, except for the sprint races on Thursday.
- c. **Payment may be made via credit card by calling 814-723-3050 or emailing szimmerman@wccbi.org**

3. Waiver / Release of Liability form must be completed and signed by each participant at check-in. Form can be downloaded from website prior to event registration.

4. Age Groups-The following age groups will apply for all the classes except for those that are stated otherwise. In tandem events (C2 or K2), the team's age is determined by the younger of the two paddlers in adult classes. In youth classes, the team's age is determined by the older of the two paddlers.

Adult (Age on Race Day)	Youth & Junior (Age on 1/1/2021)
18-39 Open	Youth 5-7
40-49 Master	Youth 8-10
50-59 Senior	Youth 11-12
60-64 Veteran 1	Youth 13-14
65-69 Veteran 2	Junior 15-17
70-74 Grand Veteran 1	Adult (18+)/Youth (5-14)
75-79 Grand Veteran 2	Adult (18+)/Junior (15-17)
80+ Grand Master Veteran	

- 5. Open Class:** New this year, you will be scored by your age in each division you enter, as well as in the overall standings. The overall winner does not qualify for age group awards and will be recognized as the overall National Champion. In the event of a start with multiple heats, paddlers can waive their age group awards to start in the open heat to compete for the overall championship.
- 6. Youth Sprints-** All Youth/Junior Sprint events will be 250 meters. A youth paddler may enter one of each of C1, C2, Mixed, K1 and SUP for a total of five (5) events. Adult paddlers in the Adult & Youth/Junior Sprints must be 18+ years of age as of race day. Adults may paddle in more than one age group of Adult & Youth/Junior events.
- 7. Life Jackets-** PFD's must ALWAYS be worn while on Corps of Engineers waters which lie between the Kinzua Dam and the upstream tip of the first island downstream of the marathon starting line. This is the first portion of the course, after that, standard USCA competition rules apply.

8. Jigging: All Canoes and Kayaks should be jugged prior to Marathon events. A 2021 sticker will be provided and affixed to crafts that have passed inspection. Watch the bulletin board for jugging times and location. In the marathon events, the top 5 finishing boats in all age groups must go immediately to the jugging area to be measured, or face disqualification. Any boat that fails inspection and was not measured prior to the event will be disqualified immediately.

9. Medals:

- a. Adult USCA classes receive age group medals 3 deep. If a participant waives their age recognition, the next competitor will receive the medal.
- b. Junior and Youth Classes are 3 medals deep for sprints and 3 medals deep for marathon.

10. Barton Youth Award: Participation is open to all paddlers ages 9-17. The award goes to the fastest female and the fastest male in K1 and C1. The winners will each receive a new paddle.

11. Paddlers with Physical Disabilities: All sprint events are 500 meters. Athletes entering the National Championship Sprints for Paddlers with Physical Disabilities must send ICF Paracanoe Athlete Diagnosis Form and ICF Paracanoe Athlete Certificate of Diagnosis Form or USCA Adaptive Paddler Vision Qualification Form to Jan Whitaker by email (janwhitaker@twc.com) or by postal mail (560 Shore Drive, West Henrietta, NY. 14586).

Documents MUST be received by July 15th, 2021. Links to the necessary documents may be found by visiting:

https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/paracanoe_athletes_diagnosis_form_2020.pdf

https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/paracanoe_athletes_certificate_of_diagnosis_2020.pdf

12. Friday Buffet Dinner: Friday August 13th, 2021

- a. Picnic dinner provided at Betts Park at 5 PM. MUST RSVP ahead of time.
- b. \$15 per person if paid for before July 23rd, 2021.
- c. \$20 per person if paid for on August 11th, 2021.

13. USCA Semiannual Meeting: Friday, August 13th, 2021 at 7 PM.

- a. Location for meeting: Conewango Club, 201 Market Street, Warren, PA 16365

14. Safety: Failure to observe the following safety requirements will result in a disqualification in that event or a time penalty may be assessed to the violators' finish time as determined by the Competition Chair.

- a. Attendance at pre-race meetings is mandatory.
- b. A *US Coast Guard* approved PFD must be in the possession of each contestant, and properly worn if wearing it is required in accordance with the *PFDs Owner's Manual* and what is stated on the label attached to the PFD. If there are any questions pertaining to PFDs consult with the Safety Chair (Glen Green).
- c. A sound producing device, such as a pea-less whistle which meets USCG requirements, must be carried in each boat, either securely affixed to a PFD or the boat in a manner which allows quick access in a personal emergency.
- d. A *US Coast Guard* approved PFD must always be worn by all non-swimmers and by persons ages 5-14 on the water, and by all contestants in Youth classes.
- e. Inflatable PFDs shall NOT be worn by non-swimmers and by all persons under the age of 16.
- f. Competitors must wear the ISO 12402-5 compliant PFD securely to be legal.
- g. **Lightning:** Before a race has started, if thunder is heard and/or lightning is seen, or a lightning detector indicates an approaching thunderstorm, the race will be delayed at least 30 minutes after hearing the last thunder. If the time between thunder time is 30 seconds or less, or if you

do not see the lightning but hear loud thunder; get off the water immediately and seek proper shelter. The race is considered officially stopped at that moment in time. The order of the paddlers on the racecourse at that instance will be considered their placement in the finishing order, based upon discussion with the racers and race officials at the finishing area. Thirty minutes after hearing the last thunder the racers may proceed down the racecourse.

16. Hotel Rooms for USCA Nationals/ Lodging

- a. Days Inn of Warren: 814-726-3000
- b. Hampton Inn and Suites: 814-723-2722 or www.warrensuites.hamptoninn.com
- c. Quality Inn and Suites: 814-723-3050

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, August 11th, 2021

Betts Park 100 Ludlow St. Warren, PA 16365

2:00-5:00 pm- Check-in and late registration

- On-site registration accepted for all events for Thursday through Sunday.
- Instructor Training
- **Call-in option for last day of registration available by calling 814-723-3050 from 8 AM until 5 PM.**

Thursday, August 12th, 2021

Betts Park 100 Ludlow St. Warren, PA 16365

10:00 am-5:00 pm Check-in registered entrants.

Boat Jigging available after sprints are complete.

Chapman Lake, 4790 Chapman Dam Road, Clarendon, PA 16313

Youth Sprint and Adult/Youth Sprint Championships, Youth Marathon Championships, and Paddlers with Physical Disabilities Championships

8:30 am –9:30 am – Check-in, registration, membership verified, and waivers signed. Waivers must be signed by each participant and parent or guardian. **9:30 am** –MANDATORY pre-race meeting at Chapman Lake **10:00 am** – Racing Begins- Sequence of events listed below.

1. C1 Youth (5-7)	15. K1 Woman Junior (15-17)	29. K1 Man w/ Disabilities
2. C2 Youth (11-12)	16. C2 Men Junior (15-17)	30. C2/K2 Man/Youth (13-14)
3. C1 Youth (8-10)	17. C1 Woman Junior (15-17)	31. C2/K2 Man/Junior (15-17)
4. K1 Youth (11-12)	18. C2 Boys Youth (13-14)	32. C2/K2 Woman/Youth (5-7)
5. C2 Youth (5-7)	19. K1 Boy Youth (13-14)	33. V1 Man w/ Disabilities
6. K1 Youth (8-10)	20. C1 Man Junior (15-17)	34. C2/K2 Woman/Youth (8-10)
7. C1 Youth (11-12)	21. C2 Girls Youth (13-14)	35. C2/K2 Woman/Youth (11-12)
8. C2 Youth (8-10)	22. C2/K2 Mixed Junior (5-17)	36. V1 Woman w/ Disabilities
9. K1 Youth (5-7)	23. SUP Unlimited Man (5-17)	37. C2/K2 Woman/Youth (13-14)
10. C1 Girl Youth (13-14)	24. SUP Unlimited Woman (5-17)	38. C2/K2 woman/Junior (15-17)
11. K1 Man Junior (15-17)	25. C2/K2 Man/Youth (5-7)	Youth Marathon
12. C2 Women Junior (15-17)	26. K1 Woman w/ Disabilities	C1 Youth 5-7, 8-10, 11-12
13. K1 Girl Youth (13-14)	27. C2/K2 Man/Youth (8-10)	K1 Youth 5-7, 8-10, 11-12
14. C1 Boy Youth (13-14)	28. C2/K2 Man/Youth (11-12)	

Awards- immediately following the Conclusion of sprints.

IMMEDIATLEY following the races, a free style demo event will be held.

Friday, August 13th, 2021

Kinzua Tailwaters Boat Ramp, Powerhouse Drive, Warren, PA 16365

7:30 am – 8:30 am – Boat Number Pick-up

8:30 am –MANDATORY pre-race meeting

9:00 am –Races Begin- Sequence Listed Below. Listen to pre-race meeting for potential wave breaks and changes.

1. C1 Woman	4. C2 Men Open	7. K1 ManTouring
2. C1 Women - Stock	5. C2 Standard Men	8. K2 Unlimited Men
3. OC1 Man	6. K1 Unlimited Woman	9. C1 Woman Junior & Barton Youth Award, K1 Woman Junior Unlimited & Barton Youth Award, C2 Men Junior * (Short Course)

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Awards- immediately following the Conclusion events at Betts Park.

5 PM: Picnic style dinner provided.

7:00 PM: USCA Semi-Annual Meeting at Conewango Club of Warren, PA

Saturday, August 14th, 2021

Kinzua Tailwaters Boat Ramp, Powerhouse Drive, Warren, PA 16365

7:30 am – 8:30 am – Boat Number Pick-up

8:30 am –MANDATORY pre-race meeting

9:00 am –Races Begin- Sequence Listed Below. Listen to pre-race meeting for potential wave breaks and changes.

1. K1 Touring Woman & K1 Sea Kayak Man	4. C2 Man/Junior & C2 Woman Junior	7. C2 Woman/Youth * (Short Course)
2. C2 Standard Mixed	5. K2 Unlimited Mixed	8. C2 Mixed Junior
3. C2 Mixed	6. C2 Man/Youth * (Short Course)	9. SUP Unlimited Man & Woman * (Short Course)

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Awards- immediately following the Conclusion events.

Sunday, August 15th, 2021

Kinzua Tailwaters Boat Ramp, Powerhouse Drive, Warren, PA 16365

7:30 am – 8:30 am – Boat Number Pick-up

8:30 am –MANDATORY pre-race meeting

9:00 am –Races Begin- Sequence Listed Below. Listen to pre-race meeting for potential wave breaks and changes.

1. C2 Standard Woman & C2 Woman	4. C1 Man & C1 Man Stock	7. K1 Unlimited Man Junior & Barton Youth Award * (Short Course)
2. K1 Unlimited Man	5. OC1 Woman	8. C1 Man Junior & Barton Youth Award * (Short Course)
3. K1 Sea Kayak Woman	6. K2 Unlimited Woman	9. C2 Woman Junior * (Short Course)

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Awards- immediately following the Conclusion events.