


ULSTER CANOE FESTIVAL 2017

Terms, Conditions and Regulations :

1 Organisation:

The Ulster Canoe Festival (UCF) is organised by the association "Make Your Own Adventure Group" (address: 91 Donore Crescent, Antrim, BT41 1HY, Tel: (028) 9440 0104. Web: www.ulstercanoefestival.com in association with the Canoe Association of Northern Ireland

These regulations are applied to the Ulster Canoe Festival only. Please note that Portneal Lodge have their own regulations

2 UCF presentation:

- The UCF is a canoe camping (open canoe) gathering. It's a 3-day event, mainly offering:
- Workshops dealing with canoeing and camping, managed by volunteer instructors from across the UK and Ireland.
- Some of these workshops are land based. Others take place on Lough Neagh, Lough Beg, Lower Bann, river Maine and other local rivers.
- An UCF T-shirt (correct size / fit not guaranteed);
- One meal is included in the registration package (Saturday). Availability and quantities are not guaranteed. Food allergies are not managed;
- A Saturday evening entertainment package is offered;
- Access to canoe and camping gear exhibitors.

3 The full program is available at www.ulstercanoefestival.com

4 Participation:

The Festival is open to all participants. The association "Make your own Adventure" is not affiliated to any sport federation. Participants must be autonomous in their canoeing practice to participate to the UCF.

5 2017 rates:

- £45 / person for the 3 days event.

6 Registrations:

- Registrations are only possible online within the dates mentioned on the website. Payment will be via a secured PayPal payment.
- No medical certificate is requested as the UCF is not a competition. Nevertheless, participants attest they have no preexisting medical conditions which might make involvement inadvisable and have appropriate outdoor sport insurance. The organisation doesn't undertake to verify this information;
- The number of registrations is limited;
- The registration doesn't include canoe or gear rental;
- Most of the workshops offer a limited number of registrations and their availability is not guaranteed by the organisation;
- The provisional closing date for registrations is Friday 8th September, 2017. The organisation reserves the right to amend this deadline.

7 Camping reservation:

Camping reservation are not necessary (except for touring caravans and mobile-homes as availability is limited).

8 Organisation in case of river flood:

The UCF is an outdoor event organised for outdoor lovers. The UCF will not be cancelled in the event of river flood, though river workshops will be cancelled or adapted to extend our bank-based workshop options.

In case of flood, the organisation retains the right to cancel all the river runs contained in the UCF program.

Participants must take personal responsibility for all river runs and the organisation will officially advise not running the river in the case of flood.

9 Safety, responsibility and participant insurance:

- Participants must take responsibility for their own canoeing and kayaking equipment on and off the water,
- When registering for the UCF, participants:
 - declare a full understanding of the nature of canoeing and of related activities and declare being in a fit and proper condition to participate in such activities;
 - accept the associated risks and dangers of damage to personal property and of serious bodily injury or possible death, whether through personal action or the actions or inactions of others, including through negligence;
 - fully accept all risk and all responsibility for personal losses, costs and damages and agree to immediately discontinuing further participation if believing conditions to be unsafe;
 - release the UCF and all of its instructors, staff, partners or associates from all liability for any accident occurring on the river or at the Festival site, waiving rights to claim or make demands and indemnifying the above against any costs incurred in the event of litigation in the name of the participant;

- Participants certify they have an outdoor sport insurance covering paddling sports. Insurance is available at cost of £5 per day for anyone who does not have their own insurance in place.
- Participants must commit themselves to respect all the safety rules of paddlesports and behaviours on the river, and to using appropriate safety gear. This should include, but not be limited to, wearing personal flotation devices, helmets, appropriate clothing and river shoes, and carrying spare clothes, airbags, first aid kits, spare paddles, throw bags and mobile phones...
- The organisation is not responsible of any natural or artificial obstacle contained in the river, even if a simplified guide and other information is provided during the UCF.
- One of the UCF goals is to raise awareness of river safety (technique, gear, river reading, etc.). The Festival promotes the importance of safe practice and encourages participants to keep an eye on one another whilst enjoying the river.
- The organisation subscribes to a liability insurance.

10 Health Declaration

I have read and understand the likely demands of this course and have considered my own health and physical condition. I/my doctor know of no reason to be concerned about my participation in this event.

11 Image rights:

Each participant accepts and gives to the UCF organisation and its partners (sponsors, media organisations) the right to use images (photos or videos) in which he/she may be visible, for any media purposes, including promotional, marketing and advertising, without any geographic limit or time limit.

12 Data protection:

In compliance with the UK Data Protection Act 1998, you have a right to access and correct all personal information concerning you. We do not share information you provide to us with any other company. The data we collect through our website is only used to keep you informed.

13 Modification of these regulations:

These UCF regulations can be modified at any time without notice until the Festival dates. Any new version will be communicated on line:
www.ulstercanoefestival.com

14 Informed consent:

When registering to the UCF, each participant personally makes the commitment to the following:

- I have read and understood the Ulster Canoe Festival regulations.
- I understand and accept the participation conditions.
- I will respect and apply all these regulations.
- I know how to swim.
- I have an individual outdoor sport insurance.

◦ I have no pre-existing medical conditions which might make my involvement inadvisable, and recognise that the UCF organisation is not responsible of any medical problem occurring during the Festival.

Camping check out the last day of the Festival:

On Sunday 10th September, the last day of the Festival, we are asked to leave the grounds of Portneal Lodge estate by 6pm.

Thank you for reading these regulations.

We are really glad to welcome you to the Ulster Canoe Festival!

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