

\*\*\* Captains forward newsletter to all team members \*\*\*



Hello Wild Wonderful Competitors!!!!

I hope you are ready for a WILD and WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE! We feel like we have prepared a fun and challenging course for you. There are 48 teams, 124 competitors from 17 states (Alabama, Connecticut, Washington DC, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, North Carolina, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia) that will experience paddling class V whitewater, mountain bike miles of sweet single track, and bushwhack through groves of flowering rhododendron (depending on route choice of course).

The race course is between 80-95 miles or longer depending on route choice and navigation skills. Extra miles are free of charge!

The break down for the event is:

Whitewater Rafting- 10 miles

Mountain Biking- 40-60 miles- mostly dirt and gravelly road, double track and single track trails

Trekking-15-25 miles- mostly double track and single track trails and off trail bushwhacking

Navigation with map and compass at all times (expect whitewater rafting).

We are excited about having [ACE Adventure Resort](#) as our host venue for this event. They have offered great discounts on their adventure activities to our racers and volunteer. (Discount code and activities listed below)

We wish you safe travels and thank you for supporting Odyssey Adventure Racing and the sport of adventure racing.

Ronny Angell and the Odyssey Race Staff

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**Sponsors-** We would like to thank our sponsors for supporting Odyssey Adventure Racing and the sport of adventure racing at large. [ImONPoint.org](http://ImONPoint.org), [Mad Athlete](#), [Zanfel](#), [Hammer Nutrition](#), [Sierra Summits](#), and [Nuun](#):

[ImONPoint.org](http://ImONPoint.org): The mission of the On Point Foundation is to help service members regain control of their lives through education, rehabilitation, services and equipment. Read more [here](#). You may make a donation at any of our events towards this worthy cause. Many thanks to those of you that already have.

[Nuun](#): Nuun is pleased to offer you a 40% discount off of [Nuun](#) and [SportMulti](#). You'll be able to redeem this offer via [www.feedthemachine.com](http://www.feedthemachine.com). We'll have the code/instructions available for you soon.

[Hammer Nutrition](#): You may receive 15% off of your first online order from Hammer Nutrition by first navigating [here](#) and utilizing the referral #29019. Many local running and biking shops offer their products at a rate competitive to that of online pricing + shipping. We use Hammer and encourage you to support them!

**C.P.T. PROFILES:** Go to Checkpoint Tracker(CPT) <http://www.checkpointtracker.com/> and create racer and team profiles for all members of your team. (Simply go to the "Sign Up" link and follow prompts from there.) This will allow your friends and family to follow you on Checkpoint Tracker on race day and this will also allow you to be eligible for the Checkpoint Tracker National Series points. There are many different divisions in the point series race!

#### **Checkpoint Tracker National Points Series & LIVE Coverage:**

We're excited to be a part of the CPT Series again this season. New this year: multiple divisions included in the rankings and competition. Read more [here](#).

Live coverage of the Wild Wonderful 24 HR will be offered via CPT. We believe your friends and family will be pleased by the evolution of its coverage from past seasons. **Race coverage may be found [here](#). NEW this season:** In the interest of growing the sport, expanding its exposure and that of teams' sponsors, Odyssey AR is going to allow you to **tweet from the course\***- \*You may only tweet from manned CPs in front of staff or volunteers. Any non-emergency use of cell phones beyond this exception will fall under the strict enforcement of the [race rules](#)

**REQUIRED FORMS:** Please have all team members complete the online forms if you haven't already done so. You'll save precious time and a couple of trees. (Wild Wonderful forms: click on "forms" tab) [http://www.oarevents.com/events/2010/Wild\\_Wonderful\\_2010.shtml](http://www.oarevents.com/events/2010/Wild_Wonderful_2010.shtml)

**USARA: ALL competitors must have your USARA card (or printout from USARA website)** with a valid membership number with you when you register at the race. **OR** Otherwise, **you will need to purchase a new membership. No card/membership...no race. A single -event USARA membership is \$8.00** or a yearly membership is \$35.00. Cash or checks made payable to USARA will be accepted. Credit cards NOT accepted. For more information on the benefits of USARA membership, visit [www.USARA.com](http://www.USARA.com). If you sign up for an annual membership online, be sure to print out your temporary card and bring it with you! If your USARA racing license is lost, a replacement license can be purchased by sending \$5.00 along with your name, address, and phone number (include license number if possible) to USARA. If you forget to bring your license to a race, purchase a single event license so you are able to register. Send a copy of the single event license along with a note to the USARA and \$3.00 will be refunded. More about membership [here](#).

**Race Rules:** All competitors must review and familiarize themselves with the [race rules](#) (click on "Rules" tab) prior to the start of the event.

There will be many options to acquire most of the checkpoints. Teams will be ranked by the total number of checkpoints acquired. Teams ARE required to get **all** mandatory checkpoints in sequential order to remain official.

**Map scale & Plotting:** You will be given MyTopo.com waterproof 36" x 48" (tablecloth size) 1:24,000 scale gridded maps and a few trail maps. We will be giving each team/soloist a 1:24,000 scale map plotter with the maps. You will be plotting points out on the race course. You will be issued maps after all paperwork and check-in is completed.

**Gear list:** The [gear list](#) that is posted on the website will be what is required for the event.

Most last minute gear items may be found at [www.MadAthlete.com](http://www.MadAthlete.com).

**Bike Drop Off:** Bikes are required to be dropped off Friday night after the race brief at a designated area in the parking lot at check in. **With each bike you may stage : 2 full water bottles, bike lights, bike repair kit & pump, spare bike batteries, bike shoes & helmet. NO FOOD may be left with bikes.** It will be your responsibility to secure your bike shoes & helmet to your bike.

**Gear Bins:** Teams will be back at HQ/Check-in area at least once during the race. Teams will be able to leave a gear bin(s)(55gal Rubbermaid or similar or smaller)with food, water, extra gear, at this location. The gear bin(s) will need to be dropped off before getting on the buses for race start.

**Lodging:** ACE is offering free camping for racers and volunteers. You will need to call ahead and reserve your campsite. Use discount code **WW24. Don't wait until the last minute.** Cabins are also available on site. Hot showers will be available after the event.

**Food:** We will be providing breakfast type food at the finish of the event only.

#### **Schedule:**

##### **Friday, May 28, 2010**

Check in: 5:00 - 8:00pm (ACE Adventure Resort)

Race Brief: 8:30pm - MANDATORY attendance for all racers

##### **Saturday, May 29, 2010**

Starting Line: 6:45am Load up ACE buses for transport to put-in. 7:00am departure

Race Start: 8:00am (additional details given at race brief)

##### **Sunday, May 30, 2010**

Race Finish: 9:00am

Post Race meal: 7:00am

**Volunteers: We can never have too many volunteers.** If you've got any friends, family or unwitting neighbors that might like to come out and cheer you on firsthand, bring them along! Volunteers may help for ANY length of time. They may gift their volunteer credit to you OR earn credit towards an event of their own. The current "exchange rate" is 4 days of volunteering for a free day of racing contact Susanna [volunteer@OARevents.com](mailto:volunteer@OARevents.com).

We will need volunteers to help with:

- **Setup** Headquarters Friday afternoon-evening
- Check Teams in on Friday evening

Hand out:

- Maps
- T-shirts
- Race Bibs

**Breakdown at end of race**

- Gather Check Points
- Some drive to /some off trail- orienteering points- bring map case and compass
- Break down HQ
- Load trailer

**During the race:**

Work a Checkpoint: (This is like car camping)

- Get times and team number as they check in
- Relay info back to HQ
- Gather any exciting news that happened out on the course to be used to paint a picture to the friends and family following us on CPT
- Take photos
- Tweet directly to CPT to give live updates from the field

**Not the outdoor type? No problem!**

We will need volunteer back at HQ to help:

- Entry data in the results excel spreadsheet
- Update Checkpoint Tracker
- Update our Facebook page
- Send out Tweets
- Post photos on Flickr
- Lots more fun stuff!

\*Teams with friends and family coming to the event - we could use them as volunteers also. Please keep in mind that if they are out on the course volunteering or just watching, they will not be able to give *any* assistance to you or your teammates. If so, your team could be disqualified. If they give you a hug and kiss (or vice versa), they must render the same treatment to all other teams no matter how stinky they are! All volunteer credits are transferable.

**Special Offers:** Ace Adventure Resort is offering Odyssey volunteers, racers and their families the following specials: Use Discount code **WW24**

Full Day Rafting - Lower New - \$69 per person

1/2 Day Lower New - \$49

Full Day Upper New - Kids raft free with Paying Parent

Choose between: (\$49 per person)

1/2 Day Canopy Tour

1/2 Day Rock Climb/Rappel

1/2 Day Guided Mt. Bike Tour

1/2 Day Paintball