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Dear University Canoe Club,

Leeds University Union Canoe Club would like to invite you to the National Student Rodeo 2008. After the success of last year's event we anticipate this year's event to be bigger than ever. The rodeo will be taking on more of a festival feel this year, and with more prizes than ever before it won't necessarily be the biggest clubs that take home the best ones. The theme this year will be pirates, so get out your eye patches, parrots and treasure maps and sail the seven seas to Nottingham this Maarrch in search o' treasure!

Enclosed is everything you need to know about the event, including how to register, so please read through it carefully. All this information is also available on our website www.nationalstudentrodeo.org.uk. Watch out for our promotional video, which will be up there shortly.

If you do have any questions about the event please get in touch by emailing thecompsc@luucc.co.uk. If it is urgent call 07941 443665 (Nick) or 07812 671899 (Tim)

We look forward to seeing you at NSR 2008!

Nick and Tim
The NSR Team

In association with



DATE 7th – 9th March 2008

VENUE Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham.

REGISTRATION Registration for the event is all done online. Overleaf are 'step by step' instructions for the online registration process as well as a 'sign up' form to help you collect the relevant info from your club. **The deadline for entries is February 7th** so please get back to us ASAP.

GENERAL SCHEDULE We have attached a very tentative timetable. This WILL be changed and you'll find an accurate one in the event programme available on the day.

On both days there will be a variety of coaching clinics provided by Tom Parker Coaching as well as a fleet of demo boats from Pyranha and Dagger. James weir will be bringing some Esquif open freestyle boats to have a go in, and Kim Siekerman and Rosie Cripps will be running some female specific coaching sessions. Dj Dave the man on the hill is bringing his mobile sound system along for the whole weekend this year and will be broadcasting pirate fm to all car stereos throughout the weekend.

To top it all off we'll be building a trade village where you can browse the latest offerings from Desperate Measures, or just sit down with a cup of tea, hang out and watch the competition.

CATEGORIES The following events will be held over the course of the weekend: K1, C1, Topo Duo*, Squirt and an Invitational King of the Wave (one male and one female paddler from each University will be invited to this event). Due to time constraints this year we won't be running an open event but bring your old boys along; there may be an old boy banter related prize!

*We are limiting this year's Topo Duo event to 2 teams per university, but remember that a good costume can be as effective as a good crew in getting to the final...

ELIGIBILITY You must be a student of a higher education institution in order to enter all the events. We will be checking student numbers and illegal entrants will be disqualified without refund. All entrants must be **BCU 3 Star or 3 star standard**.

JUDGING The K1 and C1 events for both men and women start off with an 'Extreme Slalom'. Each competitor will run down the course and score points on how they complete the challenges that face them. Subsequently they will be split into categories reflecting their ability (Novice/ Intermediate/Expert). Freestyle heats will then be held on a select feature of the course and judges will score paddlers on the moves they pull. All finals will be run as expression sessions. Basically people do what they can do and our select panel of experienced judges will decide who gets through. It is not about just reeling off lots of cartwheels etc. Innovation, imagination and balls will all be rewarded. Competitors will be briefed by the judges prior to the finals.

PLEASE NOTE: As always our main kit prizes will go to the winners of the intermediate and novice categories, as these are the people that typically don't have the stuff and deserve it most. However it has been noted that on occasion people will try to 'avoid' the expert category by paddling badly in the extreme slalom in order to get put into low categories in attempt to win big prizes. Anyone felt to be 'cheating' in this unsportsmanlike way will be disqualified. Full stop.

PRIZES As always there will be a large selection of prizes up for grabs from all your favourite kayaking companies. These will include a Desperate Measures sponsorship deal to the most worthy paddler, a custom built Dagger kayak in the overall winning club's colours, a Pyranha kayak for the most deserving club, and many other prizes from PGL, The North Face shop Leeds, Palm Equipment, CKUK, Immersion Research, Unikit, and many more. For up to date info on prizes available, see the sponsors page on our website.

SAFETY We will have a safety team on stand by at all times. HOWEVER, if you think someone from your club is likely to swim it is your responsibility to cover them by providing a safety boater ready to collect the person and the pieces.

CAMPING Camping will again be located at the Holme Pierrepont campsite (5 minutes walk from the course on the right just as you approach the turning for HPP).

PARTY River Legacy will be the now legendary party tent. Saturday night will be the big one and pirate-themed costumes are compulsory. The party will be held at the rugby club on the left just as you come in to HPP, quite conveniently 2 minutes walk (or 4 minutes crawl!) from the campsite.

WHAT NOW? Get on the website and register your university as soon as possible to be guaranteed a place. Keep checking the site, as changes to the schedule, prizes and promotional videos will all be posted there.

We're very much of the opinion that practicing is cheating, but Leeds could do with some competition this year. So get training and let the banter commence!

CONTACT US

Any further questions?

Check the website www.nationalstudentrodeo.org.uk

Or email thecompsec@luucc.co.uk

or email jh_dempsey@yahoo.com for questions about the online registration

Failing that we can be reached on

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PROPOSED EVENT TIMETABLE

FRIDAY				
From 5pm	Registration, pitching tents and PUB (in that order!)			
10pm	Captains' meeting			
	Top of Course		Bottom of Course	
SATURDAY				
	Top Wave	Twin wave	Looping pool	The Muncher
8.45	Extreme Slalom Demo + Rules	Extreme Slalom Demo + Rules	Open for practise	Open for practise
9.am	Extreme Slalom	Extreme Slalom	Open for practice	Open for practise
10am	Extreme Slalom Flat water freestyle coaching -Tom Parker	Extreme Slalom	Open for practise	Coaching session
11am	Extreme Slalom Flat water freestyle coaching -Tom Parker	Extreme Slalom	Squirt Coaching	Coaching session
12	Extreme Slalom	Extreme Slalom	Squirt final	Coaching session
2.00pm	C1	C1		Men's Int / Exp Heats
3.30pm	Women's Expert Heats	Men's Novice Heats		Men's Int / Exp Heats
4pm	Women's Novice Heats	Men's Novice heats		Men's Int / Exp Heats
5pm	Women's Expert Heats	Men's Novice heats		Men's Int / Exp Heats
5.30pm	King of the wave	Women's novice heats		Men's Int / Exp Heats
6.30pm onwards	FOOD & PARTY!!			
SUNDAY				
8.30am	Breakfast			
9am	Open for Practice		Open for Practice	
10am	Topo Duo Race Heats			
12.30pm	C1 final	Intermediate Final Men	Heats (if needed)	
1.30pm	Expert Final Women	Novice Final – Men		
2pm		Novice Final – Women	Expert Final Men	
2.30pm				
3pm			Topo Duo Final	
3.30pm	Working out results and allowing for FAFF and general hangovers slowing the day down!			
4pm	PRESENTATION AND LOTS OF NICE PRIZES!!			

Full details will be posted outside the control centre during the weekend.

Online Registration Step by Step

Before starting you will need the following details off EVERYBODY who wants to enter. Name, student number, which events each competitors wish to enter. (On the next page is a form you can use to collect these details easily.)

1) Go to <http://www.nationalstudentrodeo.org.uk> enter and click on the Online Registration link.

2) You will be asked for a username and password. Please use the following details:

Username:	Please contact us for your username and password:
Password:	http://www.nationalstudentrodeo.org.uk/onlinereg/contact_us.php

Once logged in, you can change the password to something more memorable by going to the change password option.

3) Begin by clicking the **Add Entrant** link on the main Entrant List page. Add all the details of one of your competitors, and then **click submit**.

4) Continue to **do this for all the entrants** of your university

5) If you need to **change any of the details** of any of your entrants, simply click the edit button next to that entrants name in the 'Unpaid Entrants' table. If you want to **delete an entrant** entirely from the database, then click the delete link next to their name in the same table.

6) Once you are happy that you have got everyone's names in that wish to enter and that all their details are correct, click on the **'Pay for above'** link. You will be asked to **confirm** that you wish to do this, and that all the details are correct.

7) The system will generate the exact amount owed. Write a cheque for this amount to **'Leeds University Union'** and write on the back **NSR08** and your unique cheque code.

8) Write **your unique cheque code on the back of your cheque**. This way we know which cheque is paying for which entrants. You'll find this code on your **created entry form**.

9) Post the entry form and cheque back to us at **LUUCC (NSR 08), Leeds University Union, PO Box 157, Leeds, LS1 1UH**

11) You are not properly registered until we have received your cheque. You will know when we have received the cheque because the 'Cheque Received' will turn to a tick under the 'Paid Entrants' table. Once you see this you can be rest assured that all your submitted entrants have been accounted for!

Why can't I edit any entrants' details after I have created the entry form?

You are unable to edit any of your entrants' details after you have created an entry form with their name on it. This is because we need to ensure that the details we receive on the printed out entry form are the same as on our online database. Obviously this wouldn't be true if you changed some details after you had created your entry form!

If you change some details then the cost for that entrant might change, and you will have submitted a cheque for the wrong amount! If you need to edit any details of any entrants after you have created the entry form for, then you will need to email our 'Entrant Manager' and tell him the details you need changing. Any changes in the monies required can be sorted out on an individual basis.

What if I want to add some more entrants after I have made an entry form?

Simply add more entrants like you did before and create another entry form. If you have any problems with registering please contact Jon at jh_dempsey@yahoo.com and he will get back to you ASAP.

