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## American Canoe Association (ACA)

### Mission Statement:

Founded in 1880, the American Canoe Association (ACA) is a 501(c)(3) national nonprofit organization serving the broader paddling public by providing education related to all aspects of paddling; stewardship support to help protect paddling environments; and sanctioning of programs and events to promote paddlesport competition, exploration and recreation.

The ACA believes it is our role to:

- Provide the general public with FUN paddlesport opportunities
- Make paddling education and instruction accessible
- Improve access to all paddling venues
- Expand paddlesport to people of all abilities and to the underserved
- Influence stewardship issues and public policy that affect paddlers and the paddling experience
- Promote paddlesports competition at the local, regional and national levels
- Create strategic alliances with clubs and other organizations that represent the outdoor experience in order to expand awareness and knowledge of paddlesport
- Communicate the benefits of canoeing, kayaking, rafting and stand up paddleboarding as healthy lifetime recreation activities

The heart of the ACA is the people who paddle, cherish and protect the rivers, lakes, streams, bays and oceans of the United States and beyond.

The ACA is the National Governing Body (NGB) for the Olympic paddlesports of canoe slalom and canoe sprint and the Paralympic sport of Paracanoe.

The ACA has over 30,000 members, and 300 paddling clubs and affiliated organizations. The ACA provides sponsorship and insurance for over 4,000 events each year, including 200 races. The ACA education program has an estimated outreach of 800,000 people a year. ACA members reside in all 50 states and over 35 countries worldwide.

For more information, please visit: [www.americancanoe.org](http://www.americancanoe.org)



Making the World a Better Place to Paddle! Since 1880.