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Western Md. Hosts N. American Canoe Championships

MCHEMRY, Md. (AP) —

Some of the best paddlers from the United State and Canada are squaring off in the North American Open Canoe Slalom Nationals and North American Championships in western Maryland.



The event runs Friday through Sunday at the Adventure [Sports](#) Center International near McHenry.

Open canoe racing involves boats that resemble traditional canoes instead of the kayak-like vessels used in [Olympic](#) canoe slalom events.

This is the first open canoe race at the whitewater complex near Deep Creek Lake. The center hosted Olympic-style slalom canoe and kayak national championships in 2007 and 2008.

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