



## 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Nantahala Open

**Nantahala River, NC.** – 2026 – Endless River Adventures, in partnership with our industry sponsors, is pleased to announce the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Nantahala Open. The date of this year’s event is Saturday, May 02, 2026.

This year, the Nantahala Open will be dedicated to the community foundation very dear to us: [Need More Outdoors](#) – a nonprofit organization on a mission to strengthen Western North Carolina communities by empowering youth through outdoor adventures and education.

The Nantahala Open has gained the reputation as a fun competition, open to all boaters no matter the experience or ability, and consisting of categories for every skill level—and prizes that go along with them!

The Endless River team will coordinate the event from the launching pad at Nantahala Falls, from 12PM – 3PM. Video cameras will be set up to film all participants. This year, we are going to host a special throwdown competition that includes the Falls, the freestyle wave and the slalom gates.

Following the competition Endless River Adventures invites everyone to an Open House After Party and screening of the day’s footage at Endless River Adventures - and a chance to win prizes from some of our sponsors! Everyone comes out of the Nantahala Open a winner!

The best part of the event is the support that manufacturers give to an event that is purely for fun. This is not a “sponsored” event; as participation is made up by those who just enjoy a great day of fun on the river. The support that sponsors have given has always been over and above. The event would not be successful without them.

May 02<sup>nd</sup> will be here before you know it so start making plans now and help make the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Nantahala Open an event that reflects what we all do– have fun on the river!

Stay tuned for more updates on event specifics! Keep an eye on the [Endless River Adventures Facebook](#).

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