

# NANTAHALA OUTDOOR CENTER

# PADDLING SCHOOL

## 2026 COURSE CALENDAR

### CALENDAR LEGEND

#### MONDAY-THURSDAY

**4D Fund:** 4-Day Fundamentals of Whitewater Kayaking (Class I-II)

**4D F&P:** 4-Day Flow and Progression Whitewater Kayaking (Class II+ to CIII)

**4D Ocoee:** 4-Day Ocoee Intensive (during drawdown week last week in Sept)

#### MONDAY-WEDNESDAY

**3D Canoe/OC1 F:** 3-Day Solo Whitewater Canoe Fundamentals (Class I-II)

**3D Canoe/OC1 CII:** 3-Day Solo Whitewater Canoe Class II+

#### VARIOUS DAYS OF WEEK

**3D/3R:** 3 Days, 3 Rivers (Class III+ to IV)  
(Day 1: Chattooga, Day 2: FB, Day 3: Ocoee)

#### SATURDAY/SUNDAY

**2D Fund:** 2-Day Fundamentals of Whitewater Kayaking (Class I-II)

**2D F&P:** 2-Day Flow and Progression Whitewater Kayaking (Class II+ to Class III)

**2D OC StepUp:** 2-Day Class II+ to Class III+(Day 1: Nanty/Day 2: Ocoee Lite)

**2D Ocoee:** 2-Day Ocoee Immersion (Class III+ to IV) (Both Days Ocoee)

**2D Packraft:** 2-Day Packraft Fundamentals (Class I-II+) - *Also offered some Monday & Tuesday*

**2D Canoe OC1 Fund:** 2-Day Solo Whitewater Canoe Fundamentals (Class I-II)

**2D Canoe OC1 CII:** 2-Day Solo Whitewater Canoe Class II+

**2D Canoe Tour:** 2-Day River Canoe Touring Fundamentals - *Also offered some Mondays & Tuesdays*

**SWR:** 2-Day Swiftwater Readiness & Response Training

#### VARIOUS DAYS OF WEEK

**2D Chattooga:** 2-Day Chattooga Immersion (Class III+ to IV)

**NantyPlay:** 1-Day Nantahala Playboat Workshop

**BBRescue:** 1-Day Boat Based Rescue Course:  
Nanty (solo craft) for Class II+  
- *Must have own boat/gear*

**IPR:** 1-Day Introduction to Pack Rafting

**IWK:** 1-Day Introduction to Whitewater Kayaking

#### CAMPS, SPECIALTY, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND EVENTS

**Kid Week:** 5-Day Summer Kids Kayak Day Camp (9 to 17 yrs): All Skill Levels

**Teen Adv:** 5-Day Advanced Teen Kayak Day Camp (13-17 yrs): Class III+

**Women's Retreat • Senior's Retreat**

**River Leadership Course**

**ACA L1/L2:** ACA Level 1 & Level 2 Kayak Instructor Workshop & Exam

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# JAN 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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# FEB 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

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# MAR 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 4D Fund 4D F&P	31				

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# APR 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	<b>4 EASTER WEEKEND</b> 2D Fund 2D F&P 2D OC StepUp 2D Canoe Tour
5	6 4D Fund 4D F&P 3D Canoe OC1 F	7	8	9	10 NantyPlay	11 No Available Instruction
12 No Available Instruction	13 4D Fund 4D F&P 2D Chattooga 3D Canoe OC1 CII	14	15	16 NantyPlay	17 BBRescue	<b>18 SPRING FLING</b> 2D Fund 2D F&P 2D Ocoee 2D SWR
19	20 4D Fund 4D F&P 2D Canoe Tour	21	22	23 NantyPlay	24 3D/3R  3-Day River Leadership Course (22-26)	25 2D Fund 2D F&P 2D Packraft Fund 2D Canoe OC1 F
26	27 4D Fund 4D F&P 2D Packraft	28	29	30		

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# MAY 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					<b>1</b> NantyPlay	<b>2</b> 2D Fund 2D F&P 2D Ocoee 2D Canoe OC1 F
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 4D Fund 4D F&P 2D Chattooga 3D Canoe OC1 F	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> NantyPlay	<b>8</b> ACA L1 (5/8-9) ACA L2 (5/8-10) 3D/3R	<b>9</b> 2D Fund 2D F&P 2D Canoe OC1 CII
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 4D Fund 4D F&P	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> NantyPlay	<b>16</b> 2D Fund 2D F&P 2D OC StepUp 2D Packraft Fund
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 4D Fund 4D F&P	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> BBRescue	<b>23 MEMORIAL WEEKEND</b> 2D Fund 2D F&P 2D OC StepUp 2D Canoe CII
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 4D Fund 4D F&P 3D Canoe OC1 CII	<b>26</b> 3D/3R	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> NantyPlay	<b>30</b> 2D Fund 2D F&P 2D Ocoee 2D Canoe Tour
<b>31</b>						

**NOTES:**

- Ocoee releasing weekly beginning 5/26 in 2026
- 1-Day Packraft: 5/26 and 5/28
- 1-Day Intro Kayak: Beginning 23rd: Weekends, Wednesdays, & Fridays

# JUN 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> 2D Packraft 4D Fund 4D F&P	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> BBRescue	<b>6</b> 2D Fund 2D F&P 2D Packraft 2D OC StepUp 2D SWR
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 4D Fund 4D F&P  KIDS WEEK	<b>9</b> 3D/3R	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> NantyPlay	<b>13</b> 2D Fund 2D Canoe Tour 2D F&P 2D Ocoee Women's Retreat
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 4D Fund 4D F&P 3D Canoe OC1 F	<b>16</b>  TEEN ADV	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> BBRescue	<b>20</b> 2D Fund 2D F&P 2D OC StepUp 2D SWR
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 4D Fund 4D F&P 2D Canoe Tour  KIDS WEEK	<b>23</b> 3D/3R	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> NantyPlay	<b>27</b> 2D Fund 2D F&P 2D Ocoee 2D Canoe OC1 F
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 4D Fund 4D F&P 2D Packraft	<b>30</b>				

**NOTES:**

- 1-Day Packraft: Tuesdays & Thursdays Each Week
- 1-Day Intro Kayak: Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturday, & Sunday

# JUL 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 2D Fund 2D F&P 2D OC StepUp
5	6 4D Fund 4D F&P  KIDS WEEK	7 3D/3R	8	9	10 NantyPlay	11 2D Fund 2D F&P 2D Canoe Tour 2D Ocoee
12	13 4D Fund 4D F&P 2D Packraft	14  TEEN ADV	15	16	17 BBRescue	18 2D Fund 2D F&P 2D OC StepUp 2D Packraft 2D SWR
19	20 4D Fund 4D F&P 2D Canoe Tour	21	22	23	24	25 2D Fund 2D F&P 2D Canoe OC1 F 2D Ocoee
26	27 4D Fund 4D F&P 3D Canoe OC1 F  KIDS WEEK	28 3D/3R	29	30	31 NantyPlay	

**NOTES:**

- 1-Day Packraft: Tuesdays & Thursdays Each Week
- 1-Day Intro Kayak: Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturday, & Sunday

# AUG 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						<b>1</b> 2D Fund 2D F&P 2D OC StepUp 2D Packraft
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 4D Fund 4D F&P 2D Canoe Tour	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> BBRescue	<b>8</b> 2D Fund 2D F&P 2D Canoe OC1 F 2D Ocoee
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 4D Fund 4D F&P 3D Canoe OC1 F	<b>11</b> 3D/3R	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> NantyPlay	<b>15</b> 2D Fund 2D F&P 2D OC StepUp 2D Canoe Tour
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 4D Fund 4D F&P 2D Packraft	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Limited Instruction Available
<b>23</b> No Available Instruction	<b>24</b> No Available Instruction	<b>25</b> No Available Instruction	<b>26</b> No Available Instruction	<b>27</b> 2D Fund 2D F&P	<b>28</b> BBRescue	<b>29</b> 2D Fund 2D F&P 2D OC StepUp 2D Canoe OC1 F
<b>30</b>	<b>31 LABOR DAY</b> 4D Fund 4D F&P 2D Canoe Tour					

**NOTES:**

- 1-Day Packraft: Tuesdays & Thursdays
- 1-Day Intro Kayak: Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturday, & Sunday

# SEP 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 NantyPlay	4 3D/3R	5 2D Fund 2D F&P 2D Packraft
6	7 4D Fund 4D F&P 2D Chattooga 3D Canoe OC1 F	8	9	10	11 NantyPlay	12 2D Fund 2D Canoe Tour 2D F&P 2D Ocoee Women's Retreat
13	14 4D Fund 4D F&P 3D Canoe OC1 CII	15	16	17	18 BBRescue	19 2D Fund 2D F&P 2D OC StepUp 2D Canoe OC1 CII
20	21 4D Fund 4D F&P 2D Chattooga 2D Packraft	22	23	24	25 NantyPlay	26 2D Fund 2D F&P 2D Ocoee 2D Canoe OC1 F
27	28 4D Fund 4D F&P 4D Ocoee 2D Canoe Tour	29	30			

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# OCT 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 BBRescue	3 2D Fund 2D Packraft 2D F&P 2D Ocoee Senior's Retreat
4	5 4D Fund 4D F&P 3D Canoe OC1 F	6	7	8	9 NantyPlay	10 2D Fund 2D F&P 2D OC StepUp 2D Canoe Tour
11	12 4D Fund 4D F&P 2D Chattooga 3D Canoe OC1 CII	13	14	15	16 BBRescue	17 2D Fund 2D F&P 2D Canoe OC1 F 2D SWR
18	19 4D Fund 4D F&P 2D Canoe Tour	20	21	22 NantyPlay	23 3D/3R	24 2D Fund 2D F&P 2D OC StepUp 2D Canoe OC1 CII
25	26 4D Fund 4D F&P	27	28	29	30 NantyPlay	31 2D F&P 2D OC StepUp 2D Packraft

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# NOV 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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# DEC 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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