



IRF EUROPEAN RAFTING CHAMPIONSHIP 2008 13th – 19th of May, Austria, Salza river

We are proud to inform you that Austria will host the European Rafting Championship (ERC) 2008 in Wildalpen on river Salza. For this event we invite the best rafters over whole Europe.

Championship:

The Competition will be held in R6 and R4. According to the IRF-Race Rules the team's that are allowed to attend the Euro Championship are the top two men's and top two women's teams of each up-to-date member country of the IRF. The accredited teams can start in the categories R4 and/or R6. It is not mandatory to start in both categories. IRF membership information, contact details and race rules can be found at www.intraffed.com. Teams are to confirm directly with the IRF that they are eligible to enter.

Date and Schedule:

The Rafting Championship will take place from 13th to 19th of May 2008. For organising both categories at one event an ambitious timetable is needed! Our experience showed us the possibility.

Monday, 13 th of May:	training, team registration
Tuesday, 14 th of May:	official Training, official opening
Wednesday, 15 th of May:	Sprint and H2H R4
Thursday, 16 th of May:	Downriver R4
Friday, 17 th of May:	Sprint and H2H R6
Saturday, 18 th of May:	Slalom R4, Slalom R6
Sunday, 19 th of May:	Downriver R6, official closing ceremony

During the whole event an evening program is organised.

Location:

Wildalpen is located in the centre of our country near Mariazell. More information you will find on www.wildalpen.at. From the cities Vienna, Graz and Salzburg you need 2 hours by car.

River:

Salza is a very famous wild water river with a long history in water sports. European Rafting started here at the end of 1970. Salza is a mountain river with drink water quality. In spring we will have snow water. The wild water grade is 2-3 under normal water conditions. Sprint and Slalom take place at the rapid directly in the village of Wildalpen. The Downriver section will depend at the water level.

Registration:

Registration fee:

- ❖ 500€ per team for participation on one championship R4 or R6
- ❖ 550€ per team for participation on both championships R4 or R6
- ❖ 100€ for each related staff member (coach, manager)
- ❖ Included is everything (food, transport, and so on) during the race except accommodation.

The registration is open now and ends at 29th of February 2008. The capacity of rooms near the race course is limited so teams who register first will get the best accommodation.

Contact and registrations to:

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Please inform us as soon as possible when you plan to attend ERC2008.

Web cam: www.wildalpen.at/tourismus_doc/de_107200_wetterinformation.php
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More detailed information will follow in the next months and an official homepage will start soon.