

The Heat is On...Go for the Gold!

August 1 through August 10, the 13th Annual World Sprint Championship races for Va'a (Outrigger) Canoe sprints are coming to Lake Natomas. Just imagine, on August 3 at 4:00 P.M., More than 20 Countries, with 1800-2000 entrants honoring their countries' flags, will parade through Historic Folsom to Sutter Middle School for Opening Ceremonies. This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate an international event in our own back yard. The races will actually start on August 5, at 8:00 A.M. and conclude with a Closing Ceremony on August 9, at 6:00 P.M.

Participating countries and regions include Australia, New South Wales, Samoa, Hawaii, California, Washington, Oregon, New York/East Coast, Federated States of Micronesia, Melanesia, Northern Marianas Islands, Rapa Nui, Cook Islands, Johnston Island, Fiji, Guam, Canada, Brazil, New Zealand, Tahiti, Tonga, Uvea, and Futuna, and beyond to South Africa, Germany, Britain, France, Italy, Hungary, Austria and Sweden, the Stahlo Nation and the Native Participation Committee in Canada.

The outrigger canoe "va'a" has a long history throughout the Pacific as a mode of transportation; for migration, fishing, and sport. With the

advent of modern technology, this mode of transportation decreased and nearly disappeared. The sport of outrigger canoe racing re-emerged in Hawaii, after being dormant for decades. Tahiti and Hawaii has always maintained it as their national sport. Early in the 1960's the sport migrated from Hawaii to Southern California thanks to the pioneering efforts of Noah Kalama, a pure-blooded Hawaiian. The sport was initially introduced in Newport Beach, California and has been growing in beach cities up and down the western seaboard. In the 1980's the International Polynesian Canoe Federation (IPCF) was formed with three countries; Tahiti, Hawaii and California and has grown to include 26 member nations.

While the races themselves will consist of single, 6-man, and 12-man outrigger canoes—and will certainly be enjoyable to watch—there will also be exhibits with participating countries sharing their native songs and dances each evening. The teams and countries will each have a tent on an informational fairway located at Lake Natomas. The public is welcome, the cost only involves parking, so bring your family to watch and enjoy the races.

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The following table lists the district, the office name, and the current (incumbent) officeholder that expire this term.

City of Citrus Heights

Councilmember Jeff Slowey
Councilmember Jayna Karpinski-Costa

City of Folsom

Councilmember Jeff Starsky
Councilmember Eric S. King

City of Rancho Cordova

Councilmember Ken Cooley
Councilmember Robert J. McGarvey
Councilmember David M. Sander

Sacramento Municipal Utility District

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Director, Ward 1..... Renee Nunes Taylor

Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District

(916) 566-4000
Director, Division 2..... Grant B. Goold
Director, Division 5..... Thomas J. Lawson
Director, Division 8..... Gay Jones

Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District

Director..... Tel Labelle
Director..... John O'Farrell
Director..... Geoffrey Simcoe

Orangevale Recreation and Park District

Director..... Steve Caldwell
Director..... Michael Stickney
Director..... Leonard Hawkins

Citrus Heights Water District

Director, Division 1 Charles T. Rose

Fair Oaks Water District

Director, Division 4 Randy Marx
Director, Division 5 Misha Sarkovich

Sacramento Suburban Water District

Director, Division 1 David Githens
Director, Division 2 Neil Schild

San Juan Water District

Director Kenneth H. Miller
Director Pamela Tobin

Folsom Cordova Unified School District

Governing Board Member Mary McCormick
Governing Board Member Teresa A. Stanley

Los Rios Community College District

Governing Board Member, Area 3..... Terry Cochran
Governing Board Member, Area 4..... Ruth B. Scribner
Governing Board Member, Area 5..... Pamela Haynes
Governing Board Member, Area 7..... Kay Albani

San Juan Unified School District

Governing Board Member..... Richard Launey
Governing Board Member..... Lucinda Lutgen
Governing Board Member..... Larry Miles

Sierra Joint Community College District

Area 3 (Placer and Sacramento Counties)..... Scott Tim Leslie

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