



APCA Paddlers Have Fun at the 2009 Atlanta Dragon Boat Festival



The 2009 Dragon Boat Festival was held at the Lake Lanier Olympic Venue on September 12 with over 50 teams and 5,000 spectators. The dragon boat is a narrow canoe style, human-powered boat distinguished with a fierce looking dragon's head and tail. It is now used in a team paddling sport of dragon boat racing all over the world.

This year's event brought out paddlers from corporate Atlanta and local organizations, churches, and colleges: AJC International, AT&T, The Home Depot, KPMG, Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club, National Association of Chinese Americans, Georgia Tech, Emory, Agnes Scott, Breast Cancer Survivors, etc. Lake Lanier was an absolute beautiful background for all the activities. From traditional foods, cultural dances, and diverse languages, the Dragon Boat Festival was a family fun event and is considered one of Atlanta's multi-cultural experiences.

AT&T's Asian Pacific Islanders for Professional and Community Advancement (APCA-Atlanta) was a sponsor of this event and entered two teams into the competition, AT&T "3G Delivers" and "AT&T U-Verse". The event drew employees from all over the business to compete as one team. We represented our company proudly sporting our AT&T globe on an orange shirt. From early morning practices, meeting others in our community, enjoying the cultural activities, and cheering on our teams, the Dragon Boat festival was a wonderful day enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and participated – see you on the water next year!

