

Rules and Info:

February 13th, Saturday, 2016

Fees and Registration.

Registration is available at Ski Hut Vanagkalns in person, on internet via www.skiriver.lv, and at the race day at school in Jaunpiebalga.

Fees are generally 10 Eur per person, but there are all kinds of discounts for children, senior citizens ect.

Foreigners are advised to register a week before, so we can handle a gift package for u.

Payment is none-refundable and becomes as a charity.

Red number is a child with a guide.

Green number is a last year's volunteer (year later you get complementary bid).

Blue number is a land owner who lets us cross their lands.

Orange is a supporter/ sponsor.

Start.

At 13:00

"BĒRNI" (Children are meeting under this sign).

Distances.

* 5 km Children's event with a guides, no racing, no placing, just fun.

* 16-22km. Depending on weather conditions. The only ski event in Latvia, where you ski from one place to another. You will go through settlements: Jaunpiebalga-Mācītājmuiža (Old Church property)- Naukšēni-Roci-Dzirkstiņi-Vanagkalns.

Distance is not a loop, it is on way trip (unusual for Latvia)

Parking and Transport.

1. Vanagkalns has a large parking lot. There will be a bus transport from this parking lot (finish area) to Start (you really should have race number at this time; registration is too late.) Last bus leaves 12:10. There will be more than one bus and Vans.
2. Parking at the Start is on the streets. First come, first park.
3. Transport will be after the race/ finish back to Start.
4. **Children** will be transported from 5 km mark to finish by bus to meet parents.

Did not Finish policies.

You can drop off at any road crossings, and most likely there will be even bus to take you to the finish. Tell guide that you dropped out and tell guide your number. You will be registered as participants. We keep statistics of everything.

Road Crossings. **(very important!)**

You are crossing the road on your own risk! But, there will be signs and warnings about it. At the major roads there will be guides and various services. You will need to sign a paper that you understand this!!!

Feed stations.

At least two (2) stations, and some private ones as well. Tea, Latvian Black Bread, Honey from Local fields (you will ski by the honey farm ("Balodis Honey"))

Awards Ceremonies.

As soon as first 3 finishers of any given age group have finished - the awards will be distributed. We have about 20+ groups....it takes about 2 hours to complete the task...some groups will have set prizes. Some winners will be able to choose a prize from the Great Prize Table.

Some samples of prizes: Wenden furniture, Gandrs outdoor shop (Latvian REI or German Globtratter), Stenders Soupes... Vanagkalns Ski resort Gift cards, ski equipment, cosmetics, SPA gift cards, food, Opera tickets...

Age Groups.

The youngest group is under 10, then every 2 years till 17, then there are larger groups, most groups are about 6 years or so apart (based on statistical study by appearance).
(in 2015 there were more than 10 kids younger than 10 years that finished the distance, about 6 people were older than 70)

RESULTS.

WILL BE PRINTED PERIODICALLY AND PUBLISHED ON THE WALL.

Protests.

Your protest will be published on website. It will be evaluated only after all important events are done, it will be judged by seriousness, and to submit a protest you must pay 20 Eur. I am (Raimond) the Judge.

Time control.

There will be a time control. After that, you are on your own without any support (time controls will be published and is based on road crossings (see map):

Childrens Finish area: About 2 PM

"Erzelis" (stalion) Hill: 3 PM

Highway: 4 PM

Vanagkalns: 5 PM

(if you come in later, just let us know. Soup or some food will be found, and we will record your finish....)

You must get to Highway at least to be counted as "finished participant".

Clothing and transport of it.

There will be a van that will take your bag to finish from Registration hall in Jaunpiebalga.

Changing at the Finish.

Most likely there will be a warm tent for it. There is a basement for more privacy (women). No changing in Ski-Hut nor Restaurant building. If freezing ask for blankets and coats, go to camp fires.

Soup and...

The big pot of soup is for skiers only. There will be more donated food for skiers as well. There will be a Restaurant and food for sale as well for those that do not ski or want more. Hot tea... at some point, for some Hot-spiced-wine.

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At the Finish.

Tents with heaters, campfires, food for sale, Restaurant with fancy food (reservations help! and menu will be published), sliding hill for kids, kayak hill race, maybe movies, some photo exhibition, live music at some point, bar...dance music in between awards...planning to organize market with food and Latvian Crafts (candles, food, clothing, honey, pottery ect).

Ski Courses.

Since it is a Festival style (and growing), we have not developed very wide courses. Especially first 2 km it is rather narrow, then it gets wider and wider. If you are racing, you will have plenty time to test your strength and test your opponent. It will get hilly, and total rise is 100m on the map. In reality it will be more (3-4x more). Passing eventually in no problem, but at first it is frustrating. We are trying to get racers in the first rows.

At times there will be narrow bridges, and passages. Signs are informing all about it. There will be lots of signs.

Accommodations.

We will help as much as possible with airport pick-up, hotels, BB, and guiding. We are very happy for your participation. Bring your national Flag as donation (Flags on sight: USA, Germany, Finland, Estonia, Norway, Sweden, Ukraine...)

Other info.

Email to me personally: rdombrovskis@gmail.com (English response!)

******In case of no snow there will be Festival at any rate, we will hike, run and ski highlands, eat good food and listen to great music. Nature will be still beautiful and panoramas painting forth******

Statistics.

- for the 5th time....

most work is done by volunteers, respect it and enjoy...

- participants in past: 105, 250, 400+, 600+ (last time there were about 200 other (supporters, spectators as participants at Finish; estimating 800+)

- possibly highest attended event in Latvia in the nearest future in X-C industry.

- foreign participats: Finland, Germany...this year USA and Sweden, working on Estonia (thousands in theory)

visit Youtube for VANAGKALNS, Facebook.

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