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for holding Water Adventure Games for families in Vidin, Bulgaria

from

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Place: Rabisha lake, Vidin region

on July 28-30, 2023

In Vidin, the second Water Adventure Games for families took place in competitions in three disciplines. Ten competitors from the four organizations and three representatives from the team of each of the organizations "Consult Group", Bulgaria, Association "Calafat - Duven", Romania, NGO "Club of water and canoeing sport-Bononia" and from the association " Vega Youth Center" from Serbia. Within the framework of the project and in order to ensure clear and accurate traceability of activities, the event lasted for three days. Posters were provided for the hosts to pre-advertise the event. Information about the event was also published in advance.

The program included the following events:

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1. Holding a technical conference for the participants
2. Specifying details of the competition itself, a ranking system /methodology/ by which the winners of each adventure game will be determined, both individually and as team results.
3. Presentation of the route and teams of rescuers and volunteers
4. Location of the venue
5. Organizational matters / timetable, logistics, prizes, promotion of the event/

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1. Holding the competition in the three types of water sports / dragon boats, SUP paddle board, tourist kayak, incl. passing a slalom in the water /
2. Organization of movement along the water route
3. Holding competitions in three disciplines on the island of Lake Rabisha, Belogradchik
4. Final ranking and announcement of winners
5. Closing ceremony of the competition

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1. Awarding the winners
2. Announcement of the final results and the dates for the next events

The competitions of the Water Adventure Games for families in Vidin were held with great interest. On the first day - July 28, a technical conference was held in the conference hall of the "Rovno" hotel in Vidin. It was attended by the leaders of the participating teams and the project team. It indicated the coaches and judges of the competitions themselves, the way of starting, ensuring the safety of the participants, holding competitions in three disciplines on Lake Rabisha, near the city of Belogradchik, and the ranking

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of the teams, announcing the winners. Corrections were also made to the originally planned organization of the opening of the games. All participants agreed with the organization of the competition provided to them and unanimously approved the conduct of the competition. All team managers had to provide equipment for the participants of the competitions - jerseys and hats of the same color, on which there was an inscription of the project and the games. The meeting was business-like, and for all participants the complementary topics and questions regarding the holding of the games were clarified. Preliminary training was also held for some of the participants to run the course on water. The second day began with the official opening of the event, which took place on the shore of Rabisha Lake. The project coordinator Valery Nedyalkov opened the games and provided the technical manager of the event Stefan Tsvetkov to explain the participation regulations. After the games were declared open, all competitors entered their provided dragon boats and lined up on the pre-marked course for the 200m race. According to the regulation, each team ranked first brings 10 team points for the winner, the second 8, the third 7, and the fourth 5 points for the team ranking. Finishing teams were ranked by the last to cross the finish line to the starting point from the shore of the lake. The other disciplines of the program were also held on the specially equipped track in the water. A SUP paddle board competition, where the participants had to go over and around a buoy placed in the water, touring kayak competitions, which involved slaloming in the water by each participant and passing the boat to the next competitor. The competition was held in the time schedule from 09:30 to 12:30 with a break between the disciplines and after that time for lunch, coffee and entertainment at Rabisha Lake before departure to Vidin. After the competition itself, the results were summed up and the winners were announced.

The awarding of the teams took place on the third day, with the organizers providing prizes and medals and the host organization providing certificates for all the competitors. The competitions ended on the third day with the announcement of the final results and awarding of the winners. Thus, in the final complex classification, the first place was won by the team of "Bononia", Bulgaria, followed from the hosts from "Consult Group" - Belgrade, Serbia, the third place went to the composition of the Vega Youth Center", Serbia and the fourth place was from the "Calafat - Duven" Association, Romania. The competition is the second in the series of adventure games, which are set under the project "Water adventure games for families". The next event is on August 14-16, on the Danube River in Calafat, Romania.

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