

Invitation to the "Go Dream Silkeborg Nordic Balloon Cup 2014"

All Nordic hot air balloon pilots are hereby invited to participate in the "Go Dream Silkeborg Nordic Balloon Cup 2014", which will be held in Silkeborg, Denmark, 19th-24th August 2014. The Cup is also open for "Fiesta" pilots.

During the Cup, contestants will compete for both Nordic and national medals as the Danish, Finnish and Swedish championship will also be held during the Nordic Cup. We are expecting over 40 participating hot air balloons joining the event. This Nordic Cup 2014 will be the largest hot air balloon championship in the Nordic Region since the millennium and the largest ever to be held in Denmark.

Competition area



The event will be held close to the town of Silkeborg, Jutland. Well known for its picturesque country side – a fantastic mix of open fields, forests, lakes and where you will find Denmark's highest "mountains"!

Silkeborg is a beautiful, dynamic and interesting town, famous for its market and its suburban scenery, great shopping, cafés, restaurants, art, culture and lots of adventures. All this will most certainly result in exiting flights over the countryside as well as the town.

You can find more information by visiting Silkeborg's website: http://www.silkeborg.com





Accommodation

We have negotiated reduced rates for all participants at the DAYZ Resort and we hope that most teams will take up the offer to stay here during the Nordic Cup. We expect that this, during the week, will present excellent opportunities for social activities between the teams since we are all gathered in one place. This even more so, if we have to cancel flights due to weather conditions.

DAYZ Resort offers accommodation at various size: quite big houses (standard house) and very big houses (large house). Both types of accommodation have in common that the quality of furnishing is high.

Standard house:

- \star 75 m2 6 adults
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ 2 bathrooms/WC's
- ★ Fee: Arrival 19th August. Departure 24thAugust = DKK 3.839,- excluding electricity/water
- ★ Additional day = DKK 750,-

Large house:

- ★ 106 m2-8 adults
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ 2 bathrooms/WC's
- ★ Fee: Arrival 19thAugust. Departure 24thAugust = DKK 5.235,-excluding electricity/water
- * Additional day = DKK 1.000,-

When booking at DAYZ Resort, please remember to mention your participation in the Nordic Cup to ensure you get the discounted rate.

Please note that the organisers of the Nordic Cup do not have any responsibility for agreements made between you and the resort. Any booking of accommodation and payment thereof will be between you and the resort.

For further information on DAYZ Resort, please visit their website:

http://www.dayz.dk/Feriecenter/S%C3%B8h%C3%B8jlandet/Dayz%20S%C3%B8h%C3%B8jlandet.aspx

Competition Management

The management consist of 8 persons, all with extensive experience from competition ballooning and is led by Mr. Les Purfield and his deputy Mrs. Brenda Howard, both from U.K.

All briefings will be held in the English language and loggers will be used on all flights. In addition, traditional observers will follow all teams.

Program

19thAugust: Check-in and general briefing

20th-23rdAugust: Morning and evening: Competition flights

24thAugust: Morning: Reserved if three tasks is not completed

24thAugust: Morning: "Key Grab" flight to Silkeborg. The lucky winner will be awarded with a gift card from our sponsor "GO DREAM" entitling the winner for a trip to Russia and a flight in a Russian MIG 29 "Fulcrum" fighter jet. Included in the gift card, (valued 20.000,- Euro), is return flight, hotel and a personal guide

24th August: Morning – after possible flights, breakfast will be served for all and the price giving ceremony will be held.

Registration and entry fee

We kindly request Nordic teams to register as early as possible in order for us to plan the Nordic Cup in the best possible way. Should we not be able to attract a minimum of 40 Nordic participants to the event, we will invite pilots from other European countries as well.

Entry fee is 1.500, - DKK (approximately 200 EUR)

Your payment to Circus Balloon Club must be made by bank transfer not later than 30th April 2014. The amount must be paid in full, net of all bank and transaction costs and fees.

The bank account details are as follows:

Reg. no.: 1551 account no. 10292999

International payments: SWIFT code: DABADKKK IBAN: DK08 3000 0010 292999

Included in the enty fee:

- 1. Discounted accommodation at DAYZ Resort
- 2. Propane for two flights (your cylinders to be refuelled twice)
- 3. 3 maps covering the competition area. ("Fiestas" will receive 2 maps)
- 4. Breakfast for your entire team on the day of the prize award (Sunday, 24th August)

Propane payment

At check - in for the Nordic Cup, the participants will be charged an on account cash fee of 1.400,- DKK, the amount of which will (partly) cover propane for flights in addition to the propane for two flights mentioned above. The cost per flight is set to 700,- DKK regardless of quantity of propane used. If the number of flights are less than 4 the on account cash fee will be repaid accordingly and if the number of flights are more than 4, a cash fee of 700,- DKK per flight will be charged (cash) on 24th August.

Please note that all teams are required to arrive at the Nordic Cup with adequate propane for the first flight.

Refuelling will be located near the accommodation.

Registration and requirements for pilots

Please register by e-mail to Thomas Jøhnk, head of THE DANISH BALLOONING FEDERATION' sporting committee before 30th April: thomas@edlund.dk

Competing pilots

Please enclose as PDF:

- 1. Entry form
- 2. Certificate
- 3. Medical
- 4. FAI sports license
- 5. ARC
- 6. Aircraft insurance certificate
- 7. Photo of the balloon
- 8. Photo of the pilot
- 9. Photo of the observer

Requirements for competing pilots:

- 1. Minimum 50 hours as PIC at time of entry for the Nordic Cup
- 2. Minimum 1 year as certified balloon pilot
- 3. Shall enrol a qualified observer
- 4. Capable of understanding English

Fiesta pilots

Please enclose as PDF:

- 1. Entry form
- 2. Certificate
- 3. Medical
- 4. ARC
- 5. Aircraft insurance certificate
- 6. Photo of the balloon
- 7. Photo of the pilot

Requirements for Fiesta pilots:

- 1. Minimum 25 hours as PIC at time of entry for the Nordic Cup
- 2. Minimum 1 year as certified balloon pilot
- 3. Capable of understanding English

All the above requirements shall be documented upon request at the Nordic Cup check – in. Certificates etc that have expired after the entry form has been submitted, but prior to the commencement of the Nordic Cup, shall be presented at the Nordic Cup check - in desk. Please note that, your registration is not complete before you have received an e-mail confirmation from Thomas Jøhnk. Pilots registered for the Nordic Cup will be announced on the Nordic Cup website, www.ballonnm.dk.

Other information

The website www.ballonnm.dk is expected to be activated from 1st April 2014. The website will contain more detailed information on the subjects mentioned in this invitation letter. Competition rules and maps will be made available at the website from 1st July 2014.

Organizers

The Nordic Cup is organized by CIRCUS BALLOON CLUB of Copenhagen in close cooperation with THE DANISH BALLOON FEDERATION sporting committee. Additionally, the Nordic Cup is supported by SILKEBORG KOMMUNE, which have been of great assistance in order to carry out the Nordic Cup the best possible way.

Welcome to the greatest hot air balloon championship in the Nordic since the millennium change!

Best regards

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