**Lāču Lasis**

**Fishing festival**

**Venta 2023 (25.03.2023.)**

**The aim of the festival**

Fishing festival “Lāču Lasis” is organized to popularize environmentally friendly events. With this festival we hope to encourage Green thinking and promote environmental awareness in order to achieve sustainable use of and appreciation for nature’s resources. To find out who is the most skillful salmonid fisherman. Exciting experience, physical activities and fresh air – the source of good health and emotional well-being.

**Organized by:**

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**Place and time**

The festival will take place on the 25th of March, 2023 (25.03.2023.) in the leisure complex “Ventaskrasti” where you will also be able to spend the night. Registration of participants and the issuing of licenses will occur on the day of the festival from 07.00 to 08.00.

The fishing competition (from 8.00 to 16.00) will take place in the part of river Venta from the location where river Abava joins river Venta to the town of Ventspils.

Summarizing the results, various activities, announcing and awarding the winners (from 16.00 to 19.00).

**The rules**

The festival is organized according to Cabinet Regulation No. 800 “rules of fishing, crayfishing and underwater hunting” (further referred to as rules of fishing), as well as in accordance with other rules and norms.

The fishing will take place from the shore. Only spinfishing and flyfishing methods using artificial bait and, with specific number of hooks, are allowed.

The fishing will be done in teams. 2 participants in one team. That gives the opportunity to use different tactics and strategies to catch the fish and also enables ways to unhook, measure and release the fish in a more safe and considerate manner.

In the festival “Lāču Lasis” only the caught and released salmonid fish (salmon and brown trout) will count. When the fish is caught, it has to be carefully removed from the hook, measured using special, labeled measuring tape and freed in a way that is safe for the fish. The measuring and freeing of the fish have to be filmed and sent to “Lāču Lasis” Whatsapp account. The combined length of all the fish caught and released until 16.00 will determine the winner. The collective performance of the team will be evaluated. Fish of all sizes count. Salmon and brown trout – both are of equal value.

**Entrance fee and awards**

Participation only in teams. 2 participants in a team. Entrance fee for each team is EUR 130.00. Accommodation for the night, dinner, organizing costs and prize fund – all included in the entrance fee.

Entrance fee must be transferred to one of the accounts specified by the organizers: Swedbank LV17HABA0551046361540 or Citadele LV07PARX0027306320002 until 22nd of March, 2023 (22.03.2023.).

The winning team of the competition will be awarded with the main prize. There will also be awards from benefactors and supporters of the festival as well as surprise awards.

**Other**

Each fisherman is personally responsible for their individual safety during the festival.

Every participant of the festival will be able to access video and photo materials from the event.

The number of participants is limited. Organizers are able to end the registration as required.

Accommodation for the night is also available from the 24th to the 25th of March. This option must be agreed upon separately.

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Good luck!