

Orienteering Event Update

Saturday, July 21, 5:30 p.m.

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1. How and when to get to the event

Starting point for the orienteering ice-breaker will be Sportplatz Birkenwiese near "Erdberg" subway stop (orange subway line U3) – please refer to map.

The route from the underground station to Sportplatz Birkenwiese will be sign-posted.

You will be welcomed by members of the Vienna orienteering club OLC Wienerwald.

Start time: between 05.30 and 06.30 p.m.

Individual arrival or meeting point at 05.30 p.m. at the registration desk of the conference centre - do not forget to bring your public transportation ticket!

If you did not preorder a ticket you may buy one at automatic dispensers within the subway station. There are tickets for just one ride (€ 1,70), for a day (€ 5,70) or for a whole week (Monday-Monday € 14,00).

2. What will happen at the event

You will be given instructions when you arrive.

Teams of two or more people will start their adventure in groups of approximately 50 every 15 minutes.

Each team will be given one hour to visit as many controls as they like. The controls will be scattered around the park and marked on a special orienteering map that you will be given.

You will get points for each control you reach. To prove that you visited the controls you will have to punch a card that you are carrying with you, using a punch which will be provided at the control.

Teams must stay together.
Leave nothing but footprints :-)

This is an instance of a variation of the NP-complete Traveling Salesman Problem (and thus quite relevant for our conference :-).

There have been interesting scientific articles published on algorithms to solve this problem.

3. What to bring

- Clothing and shoes appropriate for walking outdoors given the weather.
- Dry clothes and shoes for changing. Hot showers available at the finish.
- No heavy bags (since you will be walking).
- Transportation ticket.
- Your voucher for the orienteering event (will be handed out together with your registration material)

4. Liability

Participants take part at their own risk. The organisers cannot be made liable for any damage of any kind, not even to a third person.

5. Emergency Phone Number to call in case someone gets lost

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See you at the Birkenwiese!