

Welcome to ArcticSkills 2019 in Kirkenes!



We hereby invite you to the Tournament ArcticSkills 2019, this year hosted by Kirkenes Upper Secondary School, April 8-10. ArcticSkills is a competition between students of vocational skills from the Northern regions of Finland, Sweden, Russia and Norway. The competition is built on the concept of WorldSkills.

In addition to the competition, it is our goal to use the tournament as a hub for everybody who takes an interest in developing the vocational skills either professionally or educationally in the high North. That is why we turn to you, hoping that you will take the opportunity to visit the competition, the ceremonies and our annual workshop.

Focus on trade skills

The Finnish competitors come from Tornio, Inari, Rovaniemi and Kemi. Norwegian students from Kirkenes, Alta, Kautokeino and Vardø form a strong team, and almost every school in the Murmansk region are represented. The competition just cannot be more “Barents”! To underline the arctic dimension there will be competitors from Tajmyr in Siberia. In addition, the Swedes will compete in ArcticSkills for the second time. Swedish students come from Haparanda and Utbildning Nord in Övertorneå

For the moment, we do not know the exact number of participants, but the organizing committee is prepared to welcome 120 competitors and experts. In addition, guests from various companies, branches and organizations involved in developing the trade skills, will join the tournament.

Undoubtedly, the tournament will put focus on the trade skills in the Barents region.



Program ArcticSkills 2019

The program comprehends a diversity of events, and they are all gathered on the exciting campus of Kirkenes Upper Secondary. The competitors and experts start their preparation Monday evening. The competitors have trained together with their teachers long before they enter the arenas, but it is important to get acquainted with the workshops and tools, and especially, the criteria of assessment. This is important for fair play.

The tournament also offers a program for our guests, comprehending guided excursions in the area and on campus, and a round-table debate about the possibilities to enhance exchange of practices and trainees in the northern region.

The opening ceremony will take place at Thon Hotel, Monday evening, followed by dinner for all.

Tuesday is Competition Day. The competitors have five hours to solve difficult problems and execute the tasks.

At five pm, the winners will be announced At Thon Hotel. However, ArcticSkills is not only about creating winners. An important goal is to make friends and networks in the Barents-region and for this purpose a banquet will conclude the day.

Monday 8 th of April		
1200-1600	Arrival of teams from Russia, Finland and Sweden Early check in Thon Hotel	
1700-1900	Visit competition arenas	Kirkenes vocational school
1915-	Late check in Thon Hotel	Thon Hotel
2000	Opening ceremony and dinner	
Tuesday 9 th of April		
0800	Arrival competition arena	Kirkenes vocational school
0830	Competition start	
1130-1230	Lunch	
1600	Competition end	
1800-2000	Prizing and closing ceremony with banquet	Thon Hotel
Wednesday 10 th of April		Departure



Practical information:

- You have to arrange your own travel to and from the arrangement.
There will be busses leaving from Övertorneå, Haparanda, Rovaniemi, Inari and Murmansk. If you contact the colleges, there is a possibility that you can travel with their delegations
- We will help you to find accommodation at Thon Hotel, but all guests must cover the costs.
- You are invited to all ceremonies and meals without any costs.
- We will arrange bus transport to and from the arenas.

Final deadline for registration: Friday 15th of March

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