



**23rd Annual
Alaska Mountain Wilderness Ski Classic
2010**

*** Galbraith – Anaktuvuk – Wiseman Route**

Event Coordinator: Dave Cramer (907) 291-2339

Participant Guidelines

1. The start is Sunday, April 4, 2010 at 12:00 PM, at Galbraith Lake, Alaska, Mile 261 Dalton Highway.
2. A mandatory check in point will be required at the half way point of the routes, located at the National Park Service Office in the Town of Anaktuvuk Pass.
3. The finish is at Alaska's Arctic Getaway Bed & Breakfast, Wiseman, Alaska.
4. Finish deadline is midnight on Sunday April 11, 2010.
5. Minimum age is 18. The event coordinator reserves the right to deem any applicant unqualified.
6. Maximum number of participants is 20. No applications will be accepted after 20 participants have registered.
7. The entry fee is \$150 per participant. There is no reduced entry fee designated for students or for other groups of any kind. The \$150 entry fee is non-refundable unless the applicant withdraws by Wednesday, March 31, 2010.
8. Application deadline is Wednesday, March 31, 2010.
9. The plan is to rendezvous on Saturday, April 3, 2010 at the Arctic Getaway Bed & Breakfast located in Wiseman, Mile 189 of the Dalton Highway. The Arctic Getaway B & B has a restroom/shower facility available and ample floor space for sleeping bags, etc. Anyone wishing to overnight at the Arctic Getaway B & B on Saturday, April 3, 2010 must contact Dave Cramer at (907) 291-2339 prior to Wednesday, March 31, 2010. Participants will then travel on Sunday, April 4, 2010 via van from Wiseman to Galbraith Lake for the race start. The aforementioned facilities, food and transportation are covered by the race registration fee.

10. Any participant who turns back or drops out should notify other race participants if possible, and should call Teresa, Heather or Estelle at (907) 291-2339 or the Arctic Getaway B & B at (907) 678-4456; if there is no answer, leave a message. Any participant not finished by midnight on Sunday, April 11, 2011, or who fails to call after dropping out, will be considered overdue.
11. Rescues cannot and will not be promised or offered. We will contact the emergency number supplied by the racer and the Alaska State Troopers. This will be the extent of Wilderness Classic's involvement in any search/rescue effort.
12. Participants are responsible for any expenses incurred for rescues or attempted rescues in their behalf. Participants are encouraged to take out insurance through the Alaskan Alpine Club Mountain Rescue Expense Fund. A \$20 contribution provides enrollment in the Rescue Fund, which pays up to \$4,000 (but never more than 5% of the Fund assets) per rescue mission. For more details see the enclosed information sheet or contact the Alaskan Alpine Club Mountain Rescue Expense Fund, 1957 Weston Drive, Fairbanks, Alaska, 99709, ph: (907) 479-2149, fax: (907) 479-2151, <http://www.alaskanalpineclub.org/Rescue.html>.
13. No cash awards will be given; however, all participants will be issued a 2010 commemorative race jacket, the cost of which is covered by the event registration fee.
14. Participants are encouraged to travel in groups of two or more for purposes of safety as well as fun (see item 19).
15. Each participant should be independent in terms of gear and food; however, participants may share food and gear with each other. Participants may NOT share gear or food with non-participants.
16. All travel must be self-propelled, without benefit of motorized vehicles, wheels, pack animals or pull animals.
17. All travel must be self-contained. Everything needed must be carried from start to finish without benefit of pre-planned caches, air drops or aid stations. Littering or purposefully dropping gear or food is grounds for disqualification.
18. Participants select their own route. It is important that the route is described on the application form. At least one other individual should be notified if a racer decides to change his or her route. There will be no organized trail sweep.
19. All of the main routes require a steep descent to the Tinayguk River. Participants should bring at least 10 point crampons and consider the following items:
 - ice axe
 - snow picket and/or ice screw
 - 100 ft. 9 mm – 11 mm climbing rope
 - rescue pulley
 - ascenders
 - harness and belay device
 - carabiners: 2 locking gate, 4 standard gate

In addition, overflow is often encountered and can freeze NNN style boots to the skis. Skiers using NNN gear may want to carry a small thermos of hot water so that they can melt the ice and release the binding. Participants with 3-pin bindings typically do not have this problem.

20. All roads are out of bounds except the Nolan to Wiseman Road and the road in and out of Anaktuvuk, which may be traveled at the finish of the race to get from Nolan to the Arctic Getaway Bed & Breakfast.

Recommendations:

- ◆ This event starts and finishes above the Arctic Circle – be prepared for Arctic conditions
- ◆ If new, talk to those who have done this event before.
- ◆ Expect 60 mph winds, avalanche country, open water, -55°F/+40°F, deep snow, no snow, ice, breakable crust, overflow, slop, and storms.
- ◆ Waterproof your gear, especially if you use a sled.
- ◆ Take food and fuel for a minimum of 10 days. In past events, fuel needs have often been underestimated
- ◆ Consider metal edged skis - there can be a lot of overflow.
- ◆ USGS topographical maps: Wiseman Quad. B1, Wiseman Quad. D2 and Phillip Smith Mountains Quad. B5, 1:250,000. (Also recommended for reference: Chandalar Lake Quad. A1 shows the area near Oolah Pass and Chandalar Lake Quad. C6 shows the highway adjacent to Wiseman)
- ◆ Consider taking: stove, fuel, pot, ski-skins, tent, repair kit, sunglasses, sun screen, extra skis and poles, sleeping bag good to -40°F, pad, sled and/or pack, compass and maps, ELT, flares, saw.

Route Description:

- ◆ **Route #1 Itkillik/Perigren Pass Route** (*Solo Travel is permitted*)

Stage #1 - To reach Wiseman from Galbraith Lake. Travel due west from Galbraith Lake to Itkillik Lake. Head Southwest, up the Itkillik River to the Lake at the base of Snowheel Mountain. Cross the Lake and follow the North Fork of the Koyukuk to Perigren Pass. Ascend the Pass and descend to the headwaters of Grizzley Creek. Follow Grizzley Creek to it's confluence with Ernie Creek. Turn Right at Ernie Creek and ascend Ernie Pass to the headwaters of the Anaktuvuk Pass and sign in at the National Park Service Office Check Point.

Stage # 2 - Once signed in, depart Anaktuvuk at the confluence of the John River & Inukpagruk Creek (formally known as Giant Creek) and ascend the Inukpagruk to its headwaters and descend to the headwaters of the Tinayguk River. Descend the Tinayguk to it's confluence with the North Fork of the Koyukuk (just below Eroded Mountain). Follow the Koyukuk to Delay Pass (opposite Ipnek Creek), ascend Delay Pass and follow the tractor trail and the Glacier River to Glacier

Pass and on to Nolan. From Nolan, follow the Nolan road to Wiseman and the finish at the Alaska's Arctic Getaway Bed & Breakfast.

♦ **Route #2 Nanushuk River Route- Option A**

Stage # 1, Option A - To reach Wiseman from Galbraith Lake, travel due west to Nanushuk Lake. Cross the river & continue west to Shainin Lake. Depart Shainin Lake to the southwest to Tulugak Lake and the Anaktuvuk River. Ascend the Anaktuvuk to the Town of Anaktuvuk Pass and sign in at the National Park Service Office Check Point.

Stage # 2 - Once signed in, depart Anaktuvuk at the confluence of the John River & Inukpagruk Creek (formally known as Giant Creek) and ascend the Inukpagruk to its headwaters and descend to the headwaters of the Tinayguk River. Descend the Tinayguk to it's confluence with the North Fork of the Koyukuk (just below Eroded Mountain). Follow the Koyukuk to Delay Pass (opposite Ipnek Creek), ascend Delay Pass and follow the tractor trail and the Glacier River to Glacier Pass and on to Nolan. From Nolan, follow the Nolan road to Wiseman and the finish at the Alaska's Arctic Getaway Bed & Breakfast.

♦ **Route #2 Nanushuk River Route- Option B**

Stage # 1, Option B –To reach Wiseman from Nanushuk Lake, Ascend the Nanushuk River to its headwaters below Alapah Mountain and ascend the pass to Greyline Greek. Descend Greyline to the Anaktuvuk River and descend the Anaktuvuk to the Town of Anaktuvuk Pass and sign in at the National Park Service Office Check Point.

Stage # 2 - Once signed in, depart Anaktuvuk at the confluence of the John River & Inukpagruk Creek (formally known as Giant Creek) and ascend the Inukpagruk to its headwaters and descend to the headwaters of the Tinayguk River. Descend the Tinayguk to it's confluence with the North Fork of the Koyukuk (just below Eroded Mountain). Follow the Koyukuk to Delay Pass (opposite Ipnek Creek), ascend Delay Pass and follow the tractor trail and the Glacier River to Glacier Pass and on to Nolan. From Nolan, follow the Nolan road to Wiseman and the finish at the Alaska's Arctic Getaway Bed & Breakfast.

Note: This route has not been done before and the route ascends through some steep walled areas near Alapah Mountain and Limestack Mountain that could be avalanche prone.

Bailouts and Transportation Logistics:

Bailouts

If a bailout is necessary, notify **Teresa, Heather or Estelle at 291-2339** (collect calls will be accepted at this number as long as someone is there to take the call) or the **Arctic Getaway B & B at (907) 678-4456**. No transport/pickups from the bailout location can be guaranteed. There are no phones or inhabited shelters at *Galbraith Lake*. Anyone bailing out must either return to *Galbraith Lake and/or Dalton Hwy.* and make their way to the *Chandalar DOT camp* located 22 miles South at mile post 239.5 or *Pump Station #4*, located 8 miles North of Galbraith at mile post 269. Closer participants should make their way to the community of *Anaktuvuk Pass*. Airplane pickups can be arranged from either location. Contact **Coyote Air Service at (907) 479-5995** for pickup from *Galbraith* with drop off in *Wiseman, Coldfoot or Fairbanks*. **Wright Aviation at (907) 474-0502** for scheduled service from *Anaktuvuk to Fairbanks*. **Warbelows Air at (907) 474-0518** for scheduled service twice a day from *Anaktuvuk to Fairbanks* and/or charter service available from *Galbraith or Wiseman to Fairbanks* upon request.

Vehicles

- At the Start

There is adequate parking space at the Arctic Getaway Bed & Breakfast where vehicles may be left for the race duration at no charge. While no official security is provided, the area is not visible from the highway and is a safe location. Transportation from Wiseman to the starting point at Galbraith Lake will be provided for all participants and their gear by the race coordinator. This transportation cost is covered by the race entry fee.

Lodging/Food

- At the Finish:

One night's lodging and shower will be provided for all Participants at the Arctic Getaway Bed & Breakfast. Food and beverages will be supplied by AMWC Ski Race. Full cooking facilities are available for use by the participants, who cook their own meals and serve themselves. The one nights lodging, shower, food and beverage costs are covered by the race registration fee.

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