

Hello dear skating friend!

Greetings from Finland!

We are glad to announce that there will be a FinLine skating event next summer too!

FinLine 2009 will take place from Sunday 28 of June to Saturday 4 of July. This time FinLine will be skated in south western Finland starting from Helsinki and ending till Pori. The route is not very hilly. Let's say it is not as flat as last summer, but not as hilly at all as it was in summer 2007 or 2006. The daily skating distances will be 60 - 80 km and the total amount of kilometres during the week will be around 400. There is, however, a service bus following the skaters all the time and it enables you to choose the amount of skating days as well as the daily skating kilometres. I.e. if you don't want to skate the whole skating distance some day, you can take a bus instead and keep company with Ari, our nice bus driver!

Depending of the number of skaters there will be 3 - 6 skating groups going at the different speed. Thus you can choose a suitable group to yourself and it is also possible to change the group whenever, according to you skating feelings.

The maximum number of participants is 20 and the minimum number of participants is 10. I.e. FinLine 2009 is subject to 10 participants in order to cover the costs of the arrangements.

The route and daily distances

Sunday	28.6.	Helsinki – Lohja	59 km
Monday	29.6.	Lohja – Salo	75 km
Tuesday	30.6.	Salo – Turku	58 km
Wednesday	1.7.	Turku-luistelu	50 +
Thursday	2.7.	Turku – Säskylä	62 km
Friday	3.7	Säskylä – Pori	84 km
		Total	338 km + skating kilometres in Turku 1.7. (about 50 km)
Saturday	4.7.	Bus transportation from Pori to Helsinki	

Accommodation and food

Dormitory accommodation including breakfasts and dinners are booked by the organisers utilising affordable and different places by the route. I.e. during some night we will stay at a hotel, but some other night we will stay in a holiday centre, summer cottage and so. E.g. last summer we stayed one night at Ouran loma, see:

<http://www.ouranloma.fi/majoitus.php>

Our service bus is following the skaters all the time giving juice and water, and also some snacks (fruits, biscuits, pickled cucumber) during the breaks, but otherwise (e.g. lunch) the skaters have to take care of their food.

What does it cost?

The participation fee is 150 euros including the services of the bus, transportation of your equipment during the skating, a technical t-shirt, and the bus transportation back to Helsinki from Pori on the last day. In addition you have to pay a membership fee to the Street Gliders for 2009 that is 25 euros.

Furthermore there are the costs of the dinners and accommodations (including breakfasts) , about 40 - 50 euros per day.

The Street Gliders' aim is not to make a profit on the FinLine skating event. The only goal is to cover the real costs of the arrangements by the participation fee. If the participation fee turns to be too high compared to the costs, the surplus will be credited to participants during the trip. I.e. depending on the number of participants the accommodation costs of the last night can be paid by Street Gliders.

Registration

Please make your registration as soon as possible but latest 31 of March at:

<http://www.katukiitajat.fi/english/finline/register.htm>

After registration we will send you payment instructions in a few days. Immediately after receiving the payment instructions you must pay the Street Gliders' membership fee (if not already paid for this year) as well as the FinLine participation fee to confirm your registration. **Note that there is a minimum number of registrations needed before the event is confirmed. Please wait for the confirmation of the event before booking any flights etc. that cannot be refunded.**

Further information

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See also: <http://www.katukiitajat.fi/english/finline/index.htm>

You are warmly welcome to FinLine and Finland!

We really look forward to seeing many foreign participants in FinLine 2009! ☺

Best regards

FinLine 2009 working group - Bosse, Merja, Panu, Pekka and Raija