

Report on the Guide Course 2022 in Winkel/Switzerland

For the first time, after the pandemic break, we were able to offer and conduct our EFA guide course, which has been redesigned. With the new course location (Reitzentrum Waldhof) in Winkel, our chairman "Bünti" (from the point of view of the instructors) hit the bull's eye.

The existing infrastructure among other things (toilets, shower, training room and throwing pool), which we could use regardless of the weather, are certainly a big plus. Also, a big thank you for the unrestricted support by the owners of the Reitzentrum Waldhof.

In the following, I'll look at the course in chronological order and describe it from the point of view of instructors (Rolf Bünter CH, Arnold Gufler I, Heinz Reithmayer D).

Starting with the arrival and the camp set-up of the course participants it has to be said, that except for one participant from Berlin (who was controlled by the Swiss police on the highway), everything worked well and on time.

After the introduction round, the participants were instructed regarding the course and the camp, as well as the "bulletin board", on which all topics, procedures and information about the course and the following day were communicated.

The already existing construction of the course of the throwing limits, was also immediately used by the participants. Unfortunately, it turned out, that nearly all participants were missing the required throwing qualities, which are required for the exams.

The newly expanded topics such as first aid and water rescue with throw bags were without exception positively evaluated by the participants.

There were good to very good results in the tying examination - unfortunately one participant was not able to pass the exam (for health reasons).

Besides the missing throwing level concerning the throwing test, there was also some theoretical knowledge missing. Especially when it comes to individual throws.

Also, the water rescue in the swimming pool is not to be underestimated and should be trained several times before the start of the course. (e.g. at Wasserwacht).

Regarding the last examination part of the course the tasks were completed by all participants with good to very good performance (despite the premature departure of a participant and the resulting small change of situation).

Thanks to the predominantly positive feedback, we consider the course to be a success (responsible, well prepared for different situations and requirements on the water).

Résumé:

The time window of 6 days is mandatory.

The guide course is demanding for every participant and is by no means easy.

A specific preparation in the areas of throw limits, throw theory, water rescue and first aid is a must and strongly recommended.

With greetings from Bavaria

Heinz