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We've made it to Chersky!

10 Apr, 05 - 23:27

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10th of April today, 14°F with a strong sun and a cold northerly. We've just made it to Chersky, from where we will head out on our last stretch to reach our final goal at Ambarchik Bay. This very Russian-Sovietic settlement is located at N 68°47'02.0 and E 161°22'24.5 .

The welcome party started already 2 km:s before we reached the settlement. It consisted of 3 interesting and friendly ladies on skis belonging to the only organization of its kind in Yakutia - the prevention of domestic violence. They made us feel very welcome by serving us plenty of local delicacies -yes, since many readers have pointed this fact out, we can't deny it anymore, we have gained additional weight since leaving Kolymaskaya- and niceties, before we all together made our way into Chersky. They didn't take no for an answer either, so they pulled our pulks and didn't therefore arrive as relaxed as we did, but very sweaty and tired. Once there, a group of elderly gents in fur hats turned up, belonging to the organisation for the preservation of the nature and they made the ladies feel un-welcome. They were the official welcome party, and, to honor this specific occasion, they were all slightly intoxicated.



Welcome party Chersky

They brought us with smiles and true happiness to an apartment in the outskirts of the settlement, which they had prepared in our honor. Since then, we've been eating great local food and done a lot of offering to the Gods. To make our stay safe and give us success during the last leg to Ambarchik. The offerings are done with the help of vodka. The vodka, which is not used in the offering ceremonies, about 95% of the bottle, is thereby consumed.

There's no doubt we look forward to reaching Ambarchik. Mainly to put an end to the physical hardship, but I know that I will suffer, once we have to leave this area and return home. It'll be difficult to enjoy life fully, after this Expedition, knowing that these fanta tic and genuinely good people are so far away. Life will never be the same after this.

10 april, -10°C och stark sol med en ihållande nordanvind. Vi anlände just nu till Cherskii, vårt sista delmål varifrån vi gör en tur och retur till Ambarchik Bay. Detta mycket rysk-sovjetiska samhälle är lokaliserat vid N 68°47'02.0 och Ö 161° 22'24.5 .

Framme i Cherskii!

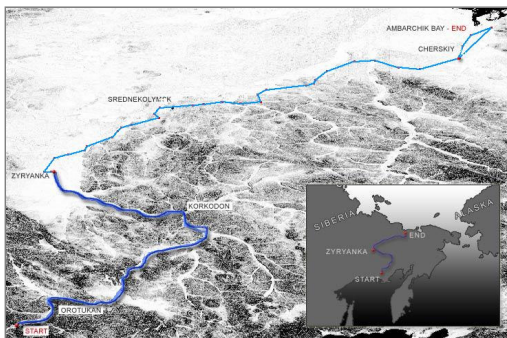
Välkommandet började redan 2 km innan vi nådde fram till samhället, när 3 intressanta och trevliga kvinnor tillhörande Jakutiens enda organisation mot misshandel mot kvinnor i hemmet, dök upp på skidor. De hälsade oss välkomna och serverade oss en massa vänligheter, uppmuntran och lokala läckerheter, (ja, vi har ytterligare gått upp i vikt sedan vi lämnat Kolymaskaya. Många skriver och påpekar detta!) innan vi tillsammans återvände intill samhället. De vägrade låta oss dra våra egna pulkor, utan slet som djur på hala skidor och anlände, till skillnad från oss, starkt svettades och trötta. Väl inne i det myllrande samhället, skuffades de undan av enheten för naturens bevarande, ett gäng mycket trevliga äldre herrar i pälsmössor, som söndagen till ära, var något salongsberusade. De var vår officiella välkomst delegation.

Tillsammans hamnade vi i en lägenhet i samhällets utkanter, som de ställt iordning till vår ära, och där de bjudit oss på mängder av mat, vi har offrat till Gudarna för att vårt boende, vår tid i Cherski och vår fortsatta färd skall gå bra. Vilket med självklarhet genomförts med hjälp av vodka. Det som blir över efter offrandet, ungefär 95% av flaskan, förtäres därefter.

Visst skall det bli skönt att nå fram till Ambarchik och slippa det fysiska slitet, men jag kan bara konstatera att det kommer att bli mycket svårt, och oerhört dystert, att inte komma att få umgås med de här fantastiska människorna mer!

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[How to stay married for 50 years](#) 7 Apr, 05 - 21:24

How to stay married for 50 years. (Advice from Anna Yakovlevna and Piotr Innokentyevich how to do it!)

4-5 m/s southerly today, about -4 °F Midday and under -22 °F as usual during the night. If o



[Enjoying life in the tent](#) 5 Apr, 05 - 20:46

5th of April today and we've done 45 km:s during two days and have pitched the tent at N 68° 33'13.1 and E 159°50'40.2. The sun is shining and there's not a cloud on the sky to be seen. It's a norther!



[Goodbye Kolymskaya](#) 3 Apr, 05 - 20:04

3rd of April today, Sunday and the temperature was -32 °F this morning. It is -10 °F right now, 7 p.m. We've pitched our tent at N 68°44'18.2 and E 159°14'28.4, right next to the winter road heading eas



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