



# NEWSLETTER RACERS

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## Dear racers,

**Only 3 weeks to go before the start of the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of Raid in France!  
Everything has been made for it to be as stunning as possible for you.**

**You will go through authentic and wild territories, meeting a population in admiration for their environment and that had been setting everything for you to enjoy your stay and wish to come back. Meeting people is our leitmotiv, make it yours! It will make the race even better...**

### General information

**Briefing in Puy-en-Velay:** the briefing and the bibs delivery are mandatory. They will take place on the Friday 12 of September at 6:00pm in the Conseil Général de la Haute-Loire in Puy-en-Velay. It will take 20 minutes to go there by cycling from Vals Près le Puy. There, your bikes will be checked and parked all together. By car, it's a 15 minutes drive from Vals Près le Puy. A parking has been booked for you. An aperitif/dinner will be organized after the ceremony for everyone, offered by Maison du Tourisme de la Haute-Loire.

**Pre-race:** it will be held in the town of Puy-en-Velay on the Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> of September at 4:00pm. You must be there at 3:30pm maximum for gather up your race equipment. To do so, you must show up on a podium, and your team will be presented to the public. This walk through is mandatory. You must go to the pre-race cycling. Count 15 minutes to go from Vals Près le Puy. A bike parking is organized there.

**Bivouac** (on the night from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> of September): the bivouac is mandatory and is settled 35km away from Puy-en-Velay. You will go there by bike, and the trip will last 2h30. A group start will be given after the pre-race in le Puy-en-Velay at 5:30pm maximum.

You must bring with you, from le Puy-en-Velay, the race equipment needed for the start of the 14<sup>th</sup> September. You will discover the general organization and the activities during the briefing.

On the bivouac area:

- You will only find your 1<sup>st</sup> assistance container; you will need to handle this one on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September at 5:00am maximum.
- You will have clean water there and toilettes but no electricity.
- Some shelters will be built for you.
- You will get a dinner (offered by our partners Maison du Tourisme de la Haute-Loire and Ravioles Saint Jean) composed of a hot soup, a plate of pasta, a piece of cheese, a fruit and some bread.
- The start will be given on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September at 5:30am. The arrival order of the pre-race will give the track to do on the first section of the race.

**Arrival in Grau du Roi:** the organization and all your equipment will be settle down in the camp site l'Espiguette (refer to the newsletter #3). Reminder: You are free on the choice of your accommodation.

### Equipment

We have made changes in the mandatory equipment list, you must check our website to make sure you have the update version (20/08/2014).

The reflective vest is mandatory, you must have it with and it must be visible.

Warning, many questions have been asked to know if light or very light waterproof jackets were accepted. In many cases they are matching the rules. However, be careful: on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August, in Lozère we had less than 5 degrees (°C) temperature at 1000m altitudes (it was not even rainy or windy)...

For any questions regarding the race or the equipment, feel free of interacting on Raid in France Forum. And remember: all reservations must be paid at latest the day of technical check up. No changes will take place afterwards and therefore no refund.

See you very soon  
**Pascal Bahaud**

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