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Salomon Adventure Challenge Returns to Bark Lake

5-8 hours of trekking, mountain biking and paddling

TORONTO, ON. – March 20, 2002. Frontier Adventure Racing Inc., Canada's premiere adventure racing company and Salomon Canada is pleased to announce that Bark Lake Leadership Centre, located in the Hailburton Highlands, will once again host the Salomon Adventure Challenge. Scheduled for Saturday, May 4, this five to eight hour adventure race, will take teams of three through a 40+ km unmarked course of trekking, mountain biking and paddling.

"We are very excited to be returning to Bark Lake. Last year's race was a huge success," said Pete Cameron, Salomon Adventure Challenge Series Manager. "In the last few years we have seen adventure racing grow in popularity, with more and more people looking to get into the sport. This series of races was designed for those people who are looking for that introduction into adventure racing, as well as those who are looking for some training experience before entering a longer race."

The Salomon Adventure Challenge Series was introduced last year as a fun, yet challenging way to enjoy adventure racing. The races are open to anyone 16 years of age or older and each team must consist of three athletes. Cost per team is \$300 CDN. For more information and to register, please visit www.FAR.on.ca.

"Our involvement with this race series is representative of Salomon's commitment to promote and develop adventure racing in Canada," said Salomon Canada's Sports Marketing Manager, Wayne Best. "And we're excited about the opportunities the Salomon Adventure Challenge will provide to encourage more participation in the sport."

The schedule for this year's Salomon Adventure Challenge Series is as follows:

Horseshoe Resort (Barrie, ON) - March 3
Bark Lake, ON - May 4
Tremblant, QC - June 1
Apex Mountain Resort (Penticton, BC) – June 15
Parry Sound, ON – June 23
New Brunswick - July 20
New Liskeard, ON - August 10
Western Quebec – September 15
Elliot Lake, ON - September 21

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Frontier Adventure Racing will also be looking for a number of local volunteers to assist in the management of this event and the Raid the North 36-hour adventure race that will be held on the same weekend at Bark Lake. And although, many volunteers travel from out of town to participate, organizers prefer to work with local volunteers who are familiar with the area. For more information about volunteering, please contact Frontier Adventure Racing Inc. at 1.877.846.8889 or email info@far.on.ca.

About Salomon Canada

Salomon is one of the portfolio of sports brands of adidas-Salomon AG, the number two sporting goods manufacturer in the world. In Canada, Salomon is based in Concord, Ontario. Salomon design, development, and manufacturing are located in Annecy, France, and Boulder, Colorado. Salomon products include technical mountaineering, backpacking and outdoor footwear; inline skates; cross-country ski boots and bindings; alpine skis, boots and bindings; Snowblades™; snowboards, and snowboard boots and bindings. The adidas-Salomon brand portfolio also includes adidas footwear and apparel, TAYLOR MADE golf clubs and accessories, MAVIC wheels and bicycle rims, and BONFIRE SNOWBOARDING apparel and accessories. Salomon information can be accessed on the World Wide Web at www.salomonsports.com.

About Frontier Adventure Racing Inc.

Adventure racing is a new sport that has exploded in popularity across North America. Frontier Adventure Racing Inc. is leading that growth in Canada with its incredibly popular Raid the North series. Now in its fourth year of operation, Frontier Adventure Racing has established an international reputation for solid logistics and challenging racecourses. These non-stop races, ranging in length from 36-hours to six-days, require coed teams of four to trek, mountain bike, canoe and negotiate fixed ropes, while navigating the unmarked racecourse through the wilderness. The exact course is kept secret until the night before the race and, even then, teams are only given topographical maps and grid coordinates for the checkpoints they must reach in order. Likened to an expedition with a stopwatch, adventure racing requires teamwork, perseverance and strong navigation and wilderness survival skills.

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