## BULGARIAN CLIMBING AND MOUNTAINEERING FEDERATION

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## DEAR FRIENDS,

In the Year 2008 the Federation of the Bulgarian Alpine Clubs organizes the Rock-Climbing Meeting in the limestone area in the outskirts of the town of Vratsa, Bulgaria from 19<sup>th</sup> September to 22<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

The Vratsa climbing area is situated on 120 km northward from the capital of Bulgaria - Sofia. The rocks are with different height (maximum about 400m) and the routes are from one pitch to 10 pitches long. Some of the routes are well equipped, including bolts and some are for using kind of friends, nuts and so on. There are routes for experienced climbers and routes for beginners. You can find more information about the region of Vratsa in the following links:

http://www.climbingguidebg.com/cdb.php?f=placeinfo&idPlace=1&type\_climb=S http://www.climbingguidebg.com/cdb.php?f=placeinfo&idPlace=1&type\_climb=T

During the Vratsa climbing meeting presentations and discussions on different points of interest would be held. We will be glad if the participants are ready to give each other information about their own climbing areas, methods of training and organizing of the activities in their country, protecting of the mountains and the climbing routes and other, to show films or slides.

We invite climbers from your country to take a part in the climbing meeting. For accommodation and meal in Vratsa you will need approximately 20-30 EUR per day. You can book a hotel just in the foot of the rocks at <a href="http://www.chaika.net/en/home.htm">http://www.chaika.net/en/home.htm</a>
Another option is to camp in the region, just take relevant equipment.

You will be happy to welcome climbers in Bulgaria. We hope to see you here and to do climb together!

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