



**Report on Reconnaissance to Krasnoyarsk & Khakasia
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June 5th – Arrived in Krasnoyarsk We were met by Sergei Pavlovich Kobtunov (novaboryar@inbox.ru, o:58-45-45, 91-11-10; m:54-31-01; 950-401-7576), Alexander Vladimirovich Vasilkevich (Alexvds@inbox.ru), and Valery _____ (who knows Talgat). Deanna Samarina (dsamarina@rambler.ru; 902-919-2512) joined us, and gave us her books. We were treated to dinner in a restaurant. They gave us a tour all over Krasnoyarsk, and



then they brought us to the home of Nikolai _____ who made a tea ceremony for us. Solar communities expert Alexander Vasilkevich wants to be in contact with Andrey Yalbakov regarding solar energy. We slept well, as guests at Sergey’s mother Valentina’s home.



June 6th – In Sergey’s car, we picked up Sergey’s sons Roman, age 9, and Ilya, age 11, and drove south. As soon as we entered the region, we saw hundreds of standing stones in the landscape and petroglyphs at Boyarskaya Pisanitsa, and then joined a busload of children from Yermakovskaya region, traveling with Sergey’s friend Vladimir Nosov m.950-437-3474; 39138-24305, vladim.n@mail.ru, Yermakovskoye village, Karl Marx Street, 19; and Irina Sidoronok, m:950-306-9192; 39138-24574; aunt’s address in Shira: Valentina Lyolya, Minusinskaya St, 11. We invited the children to Altai, and the boy Maxim was especially interested.



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We visited many kurgans, and arrived at the largest kurgan in Khakasia, Salbuik Kurgan, to spend the night. Vladimir told us that before the kurgan was excavated in the 1950s, a pyramid in the middle stood 11 meters high, and that the original height was estimated to have been 20 meters. The huge stones weighed 50 tons, and it is a mystery how they were transported the 25 kilometers from the quarry where they were cut.



The weather was excellent – cool and slight wind with no mosquitoes; sunny but not too warm all day. Clumps of blooming irises covered the steppe. We had a wonderful evening around the campfire, and then had a short walk in the middle of the night to see the light over Salbuik Kurgan from a nearby small kurgan. Sergey and other people witnessed this light during the last trip. However, we walked past the small kurgan in the dark, not seeing it, so we went back and Vladimir and Nina went inside Salbuik Kurgan and witnessed the stars and satellites. Then we went to bed with eight people in a 4-person tent – so we weren't cold.



June 7th – We drove to sacred Kuintak Mountain (mountain of the sun) near Krasnoyarsk Sea, near Abakan (Khakasia's capital). After lunch we climbed the mountain, and Vladimir guided us, speaking all the time about the ancient history. Weather was warm and sunny. We drove through Abakan to Irina's and Vladimir's houses in Yermokovskoye village, and stayed in their home. We had a banya at Irina's house, and the two families and we together had a wonderful dinner and evening at Irina's, including Irina's two daughters Yanna and Nadya. We also met Vladimir's son Alexander.



June 8th – We met the head of administration of Krasnoyarsk Krai, Yermakovskaya region Boris Ivanovich Sitnikov, He invited mass media and head of department for youth Zhanna _____, kspt@mail.ru and we had a fruitful working meeting. Sitnikov recommended that





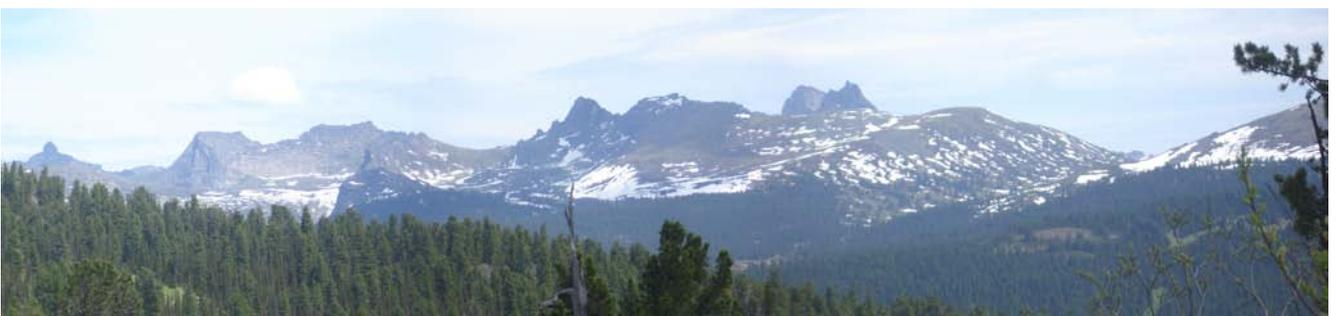
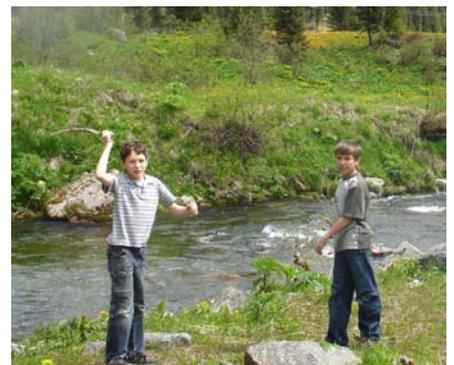
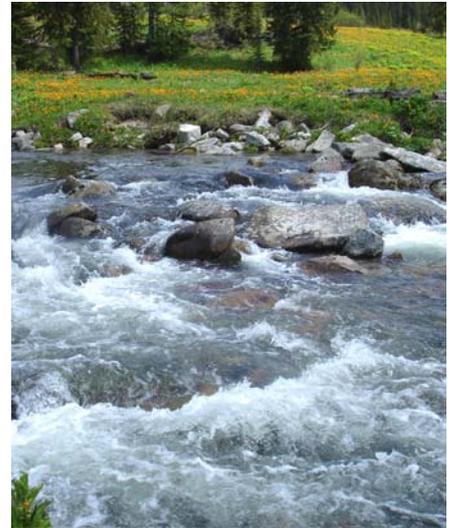
we meet Rafael Markovich Shageev, responsible for economic development of Yermakovskaya region, but he lives in Krasnoyarsk. We spoke about:

- the possibilities of this region for development of ecological, cultural, and educational tourism;
- for possible creation of international youth camp in Ergaki.
- Boris spoke about social activity and his desire to develop strategy for youth and new tourism in this region.
- He expressed his wish to even sign an statement of intention to collaborate.
- He expressed his readiness to accept foreigners and people from different regions at Ergaki Base – transportation, banya. –and to promote Ergaki all over the world.
- He suggested a cottage for Carol to live in Ergaki.
- We suggested a number of strategic meetings, including with Talgat Akbashev, SAPA.

Boris accompanied us to visit their picture museum that was created all by volunteers and cultural committee workers. It was created by transforming an old, decrepit house for this new use, with the help of the village businesses.

The results of this meeting were:

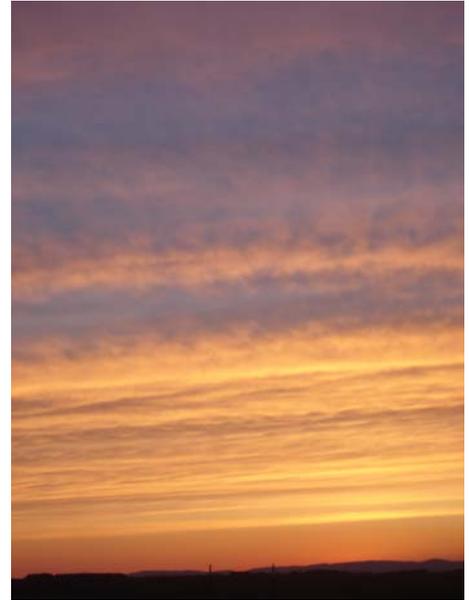
- We agreed to send information about all our summer events to Zhanna for Boris.
- They agreed to send a delegation of children plus two adults to the camp. We invited Zhanna and Irina to be the coordinators.
- Then he expressed his willingness to be together, to act together, and develop our cooperation.
- He passed information about us to his son, who is responsible for mass media, to put the information on the website of Krasnoyarsk Region.
- He invited the media to write an article about our meeting and perspectives of our cooperation, and a videographer was with us at the museum.



- When we parted, he said there were sparkles of understanding flowing between us.
- We were presented with gifts of maps of Ergaki.
- Nina promised to send a written proposal about social development of his region and our mutual activity for that.

Then we drove through the Ergaki nature preserve which is in Krasnoyarsk Krai, and visited the memorial chapel at the place where Krasnoyarsk Governor Alexandr Lebed and his team had a helicopter crash. We met Vera and Viktor and bought fresh cheremsha – a kind of wild garlic. Nina swam in a river in Ergaki designated by the number 777. And we drove through clouds of white cabbage butterflies. The weather was sunny and cool.

We drove back through Khakasia, passing again the kurgans, and arrived in Shira, where Nina visited her mother's grave. The long sunset was a real blessing, changing all the time and creating beautiful views. We arrived in Krasnoyarsk at 1:30 am, and slept at Sergey's mother's home again.



June 9th – We went to the opera theater to watch the opening of the Krasnoyarsk City Celebration, hosted by Pyotr Ivanovich Pimashkov, Mayor. There we met Nataliya Mayor, 3912- 274741, who helped us to receive an invitation from City Council Deputy Alexey Menshekov to the celebration the next day. Nataliya brought us to her flat, where we had a meeting with Andrey _____, director of Sayan Ring ethnocultural festival and Nataliya's family. We spoke about ethnocultural programs to be developed and to be integrated. He told us his legend about Sayan Ring. Carol will send Andrey contact info for Thomas Miller and Artur _____ (from St Petersburg). Carol suggested a business opportunity regarding space blankets to Nataliya.

June 10th – Krasnoyarsk city day celebration. We met with several heads of administration of regions of Krasnoyarsk city. Nina invited them to take part in Summer 2007 events, and almost all of them expressed their willingness to receive information and to cooperate. The vice mayor Anatoly Anushevanovich Grigroyenko of Krasnoyarsk and his wife Nataliya Ignatievna Grigoryenko (head of department for communication with public organizations) plan a car tour to Mongolia and Altai, and expressed their wish to join our youth camp in Altai. They wait for concrete information. With everyone, Nina spoke about the perspectives of creating an international youth camp in Ergaki.

