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VOCene #9 - September 28, 2004

It's been a busy week for the VOC! Clubs Days was a phenomenal success as we have heaps of shiny & happy new members ☺ Hello to you all and welcome to the VOC. To top it off, many of these new members participated in the annual Longhike this past weekend, which was an absolute blast. So what's coming up? Read on☺

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UPCOMING TRIPS:

The best resource for keeping up to date on trips is the message board on the VOC website (www.ubc-voc.com). New members: you should have received (or will soon) a confirmation email which will permit you access to the site.

ROCKCLIMBING AT SQUAMISH

Catch the rockclimbing bug at Longhike? Here's your chance to practice all those new skills. A quickly-growing group of VOC'ers will be heading up to Squamish this Saturday to get in some more rock time. Check the message board or contact Jordan Tam (jtam@interchange.ubc.ca) for more info.

CROWN MOUNTAIN/THE CAMEL

Anyone interested in a daytrip to a North Shore Classic this weekend?
Where: Crown Mountain/The Camel (Strenuous Dayhike with possible climb side-trip)
When: Saturday October 2nd

The Plan:

Meet up at Lynn Headwaters Regional Park. Hike up the Lynn Valley Trail, and up Haines Creek. Then hike up Crown Mountain, and intrepid-types can climb over and up the Camel (4th Class). Return over to Grouse mountain and either hike down the Grind (for purists, hard-core, or low-budget people) or take the tram (for softies and the wealthy-I think it's \$20 to take the ride down)

****This is a pretty strenuous trip (maybe 15km and 4000 ft up and down)**
***** If the weather is going to be crappy, I am going to bail.**

What to bring: Day-hiking stuff. Sturdy boots, lunch, warm clothes, rain gear. If people are interested in the Camel then a harness, helmet, and we should co-ordinate an appropriate amount of ropes and gear.

This is also a CAR-FREE trip! Get some use out of the U-Pass. How to get to Lynn Valley. Get yourself to the SeaBus and take it to Lonsdale Quay. The Seabus leaves at quarter past and quarter to the hour. Then catch the 228 Lynn Valley. Get off at the last stop (at Dempsey Road). Hike along the road into Lynn Headwaters Regional Park. We'll meet at the bridge/Info centre at the park at 8:00. This means catching the 7:30 bus, and therefore the 7:15 SeaBus.

Give Dave Campbell a ring (221 1725) or email (dcamp@geog.ubc.ca) if you are interested.

ALPINE SNOW/ICE CLIMBING

There may be a trip out this weekend for those who already have more technical experience and looking for something more challenging. Destination is still TBA (Wedge, Joffre, or Baker); keep an eye on the board to see what develops if you're interested.

CLUB NEWS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Your 2003-04 membership expires at the end of September. This means no more VOCene, no more access to the message board, no more gear rentals - you will basically be excommunicated from the outdoors scene. To avoid this untenable situation, swing by the VOC booth during Clubs Days this week or drop down to our fairly spiffy new Clubroom in the SUB's basement during lunchtime to renew your membership. You'll be glad you did.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SLIDESHOWS

This weekly VOC event kicks off Wednesday at 7PM in the clubroom as we inaugurate our new gleaming white "screen". This week's slideshow will showcase a 4 month sailing and mountaineering trip in Alaska by VOC member Roberta Holden. Roberta followed the North Star up the coast to the Aleutian Island chain of Alaska and also climbed Mt. Fairweather (15 300ft) from sea level.

VOC APPAREL

We have some stylin' VOC shirts for sale. Long sleeve tees are \$15, short sleeve are \$12. There are also some older styles going for \$5 (CHEAP!!). Want one? (Say "Yes"). Come by the clubroom and snag one - supplies are limited!

TRIP REPORTS

LONGHIKE 2004

Got a story to tell about this weekend? Was it your first time climbing? Were you sober enough to remember (and regret) what you did at the apres-climb party? Send me a short blurb and it will be included in the next VOCene. Remember, trip reports come from members and show other members what's happened and what they're missing. So send me those reports!!

On a related note, a number of links to Longhike pictures have been posted on the message board - worth checking out as there some wicked shots!

POINTS OF INTEREST

MEC GEAR SWAP

The bi-annual Mountain Equipment Gear Swap is this Sunday. If you're prowling for cheap quality gear, this is a good place to start. More info is on the MEC website:

http://www.mec.ca/Apps/events/eventsDetail.jsp?FOLDER%3C%3Efolder_id=618035&catCode=BC&Id=9790&bmUID=1096425154026

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WEEKEND

Oct. 23-24, 2004

If you are interested in developing your leadership skills, whether as a trip leader or participant, this will be a great workshop weekend for you.

Highlights include: a leadership assessment tool where you will learn more about your leadership style and identify areas that can be improved; role-playing to practice decision making and communication in tough situations while on a hike; and an opportunity to meet other club members, learn, and have fun--all at the same time!

Cost: for ACC members: \$25.00; for non-ACC members: \$30.00; for Varsity Outdoor Club members: \$20.

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. To register, contact Zoran Vasic at 604-438-9066; email: zvasic@telus.net, before Monday, Oct. 18.

If you call, please leave your email address with Zoran, as we will be contacting you ahead of the weekend by email with materials for the workshop.

The workshop will be held at a learning facility in the North Shore mountains; you can find out more when you register. Space is limited, so sign up early!

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