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UPCOMING TRIPS

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VOC WINTER LONGHIKE

At the moment this trip is still a go. Let's hope it doesn't suffer the fate of Tele School due to the lack of snow.

from Tom Chen, VOC Trips Coordinator:

It happens on Saturday and Sunday, February 5th and 6th.

What is it?

Let us explore the question by asking ourselves this: Do I ever find myself taking the wrong bus, and then accidentally end up in the middle of the BC backcountry mountains, with nary a pack of tyvek, despite the magnaminous buildup of a storm? Don't worry kid, it happens to the best of us. WLH is the opportunity to hone your survival techniques, and allows you to try building various winter shelters from bare hands. Be betwixt that a snow cave can be warmer than the freezing point. Be at peace with the universe in your own igloo. Be shocked to find that a quincy isn't a contraceptive device.

Location:

Needle Peak, near Hope.

Requirements:

Tuesday, February 1st will be the pre-trip meeting, at 6 pm in the clubroom, for

rides and the like. If you're a driver who can offer seats and cannot make it to the meeting, give me an e-mail at the address beside my name with where you can pick people up and the number of seats and I can arrange for matchups.

Additionally, it is dictated that each of us brings an unusual, yet cunning item of food to share. For example, last year involved a tremendous magnitude of pleasure with impromptu mulled wine using apple cider and genuine haggis-served-on-a-snowboard. Suggestions for this year include sherry pies and prairie oysters. Musical instruments is also recommended as the ski/snowshoe in is short, estimated to be around 2 hours.

More information will pop up as we come closer to the date of the pre-trip meeting, including maps and exactly which parking lot we'll try to catapult our cars toward.

#### TELE SCHOOL ❌ MEETING AND TRIP CANCELLED

Bad news from the message board regarding this trip:

Hey all, unfortunately due to poor weather conditions we have to cancel tele school until the weather clears up. I was originally planning to reschedule for Feb 12th but many people (mostly the much needed instructors) have expressed concern with this date as it conflicts with reading week activities. Soooo, please do not come to dry school tomorrow AND post here a few dates that would work for people and we will tentitively shoot for the most popular. Instructors especially please indicate which dates are best for you.

Thanks everyone, and sorry for any and all inconveniences this date- dance has caused.

-Sarah

#### READING BREAK TRIPS

There are a few trips being planned (skiing, rockclimbing, surfing). I'm not going to list them all there because you all know how to read and click your mouse. If you can't do those things then you must be in some degenerate degree program. Anyway, if you want to spend Reading Break in the outdoors, check the message board often in the next couple weeks.

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#### CLUB NEWS

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#### VOC JOURNAL SUBMISSIONS

We need your stories and pictures!

Trip reports and write-ups of club activities you've been on, as well as photos, can be sent to our Journal Editor, Steve, at [stevebegin@gmail.com](mailto:stevebegin@gmail.com). Word doc format works best (no pdfs). Colour pictures are welcome.

If you'd like to help put The Journal (sounds almost biblical, eh) together, we are also recruiting people to edit and perhaps scope out companies that may be interested in advertising in the The Journal. Again, contact Steve at address above.

The deadline for submissions is mid-February so don't wait until the last minute. Remember - if everyone thinks everyone else will submit something, then the

Journal will be pretty lean bathroom reading.

From last week's VOCene:

The Journal, published annually by the club since 1958, is a compilation of trip reports and club activities written by members (that means you!) and is a synopsis of the year that was. A free copy of the journal is provided to members at the end of the academic year, with a complete collection available in the VOC clubroom.

#### CLIMBING CLINICS AT THE BIRDCOOP

Check it out! FREE (!) climbing clinics, hosted by fellow VOCers:

Are you an occasional climber, and want to pick up some tips? Are you a regular climber, and want to change your climbing routine? Come and climb with others in a fun, focused environment!

Starting Wed, Jan 12 (this Wednesday), Miranda and Zev will be running weekly climbing clinics at the Birdcoop, every Wednesday at 5pm. The clinics are geared for novice to intermediate climbers (~V1-V3, although all levels can benefit), and will be entirely drop-in. Part of the session will be spent learning specific skills, and part will be spent on a workout designed to train technique, strength, and/or endurance. The cost is FREE, (but you are responsible for entrance into the Birdcoop.) Before each session, we will send a group email about what will be covered in the upcoming session to those who are interested. (This way you can decide whether you want to come that week.) To join this email list, or if you have any questions, email us at [ubc.climbing@gmail.com](mailto:ubc.climbing@gmail.com). See you there!

#### VOC ADVENTURE RACING TEAM?

Eamon Mauer training sessions have begun. Here's his post from the message board if you haven't seen it yet:

Are there any people interested in forming a VOC Adventure Racing Team for the Mind over Mountain Adventure Races? If you are post here.

Momar races typically involve kayaking, trail running, mountain biking and mystery events. The whole team participates in every activity, the whole team travels together, through each checkpoint. There is a big after party at the end with really good energy to the crowd.

A typical Momar race is between 40 and 45 km in length, as a result training is necessary. Personally I ride my bike alot, the biking tends to be the longest section of the race, I also run (cross country skiing could easily train us better than running), kayak (moreso on the island where I have easy access, here Jericho Beach has races and rentals) and lift weights with extra focus on my legs. For those who find they really love this sport, it becomes a lifestyle, and so you get better with time.

What I like most about adventure racing is the people and that it is both outdoors and competitive with an opportunity to get better over time. It is one of those natural things where my spirit is free.

Below is the web address for the Momar Homepage, there is also a note from Bryan

about a discount we can get for signing up if we do so before the end of the month:

Momar Website: <http://www.mindovermountain.com>

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TRIP REPORTS  
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AVALANCHE DANGER LOW ON SEYMOUR  
by Roland Burton

Carla and the kid and I went hiking on Seymour on Sunday. We got up there early and the parking lot was deserted; the lifts were all shut down. A couple of employees were playing with a snowmobile trying to get it started. WE'd heard of the massive snowmelt so we were up there looking for empty beer cans and cash under the lift, which tend to surface when the snow goes down. We were not disappointed; I'd post numbers but I don't want to get Revenue Canada all excited. It didn't even rain on us and we got home in time for a nice afternoon nap.

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POINTS OF INTEREST  
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BOULDERING COMPETITION WITH UBC REC

Hello fellow outdoor enthusiasts!

Just wanted to let you know about the upcoming 9th Annual KaleidaCave Bouldering Competition on Friday, January 28th. Categories include mens and womens for beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. Sign-up at the SRC Front desk for your 1 hour time slot starting every half hour. (The KaleidaCave is located inside the BirdCoop gym in the SRC)

We realize that there are a lot of great climbers with VOC and would be thrilled to have them join our competition.

Cost: \$5 + \$8 for non members\*

\* if enough people from VOC sign up, I may be able to get you some sort of discount on the \$8 drop in fee. Let me know.

Thanks again,

Graham Day  
Asistant Director - Marketing Dept  
UBC REC  
[grahamtday@hotmail.com](mailto:grahamtday@hotmail.com)

COAST MOUNTAINS SKI TRIP, APRIL 22 - MAY 7, 2005

This is a trip for the more intrepid types in our fair club:

I'm not a VOC member (in fact, never went to UBC), but we are looking for more people for a ski traverse/climbing camp in the Coast Mountains. After skiing behind a VOC group that did the Lillooet Icefield traverse last year, I thought

there may be some VOC'ers interested in our trip.  
Thanks

Sandra McGuinness  
Nelson, BC

Homathko Icefield Ski Traverse/Climbing Camp

Maps:

92 N/2; 92 K/15; 92 N/1.

References:

Exploring the Coast Mountains on Skis (John Baldwin), CAJ 1970, pp. 63-64; CAJ 1986, pp. 21-22; CAJ 1989, pp.14-17.

Access:

Fly in with Tyax Air (Beaver ski plane ✈ leaves from Pemberton) to the western end of the Homathko Icefield (around GR835685, 92 N/2). 16 days later, fly out from southern end of Homathko Icefield (around GR870525, 92 N/2).

Trip Plan:

From landing site and camp (GR835685) climb Nunatak and Pelorus. Travel east about 10 km to Sasquatch Pass where we will set up a climbing camp. Stay at Sasquatch Pass for about 5 days (or so) and climb a variety of peaks, Howard, Burghley, Frobisher, Cloister, Walsingham, St John, Pembroke, Mist. Travel south down the Homathko Icefield with climbs of Plateau and Cambridge along the way. Set up a second climbing camp near GR870525 and climb Gallery, Gargoyle, Janus and Incisor. Get picked up from second camp 16 days after flying in. As the icefield is very flat and easy to travel we will not need a food drop as we will be able to tow sleds

Cost:

Roughly \$600 per person for flights in and out (based on 4 people). There may be other incidental costs such as satellite phone rental.

Dates:

April 22nd, 2005 to May 7th, 2005.

Contact: Sandra McGuinness or Doug Brown at dog\_house@shaw.ca or 250-352-3545

ACC ✈AVALANCHE ECHOES✈ NEWSLETTER

The January 2005 edition of the Alpine Club of Canada's ✈Avalanche Echoes✈ is now available at:

<http://www.aebc.com/acc/Echoes/jan05.pdf>

VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL

2005 Tentative Festival Program  
(subject to changes)

February 20-27, 2005

✈... illuminating the cutting edge... 30 times a frame...✈

✈✈delivering fresh images and cool stories from the death zone to your door✈✈

✈The Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival is a fine festival of climbing and adventure programs that remains true to the heart of climbing and the spirit of mountains. It is a relaxed gathering of sport climbers, alpinists and mountain wanderers.✈

Greg Child , festival presenter, world-class climber, mountaineer and award-winning writer

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Sunday, February 20, 7pm , Planetarium ( 1100 Chestnut Street , Vancouver )  
VIMFF Polish evening with Poland's mountain filmmaker Anna Pietraszek (in person) on the earlier and more recent Polish Himalayan expeditions and personalities (Tirich Mir, Nanda Devi, Wanda Rutkiewicz, and others); and a select of the best 2004 Polish mountain films.

\$ 12 at the door

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Monday, February 21, 7pm , Planetarium ( 1100 Chestnut Street , Vancouver )  
VIMFF White Water Evening , Guaranteed To Keep You Wet ~~000~~. With a guest speaker and a selection of films in a liquid state.

\$ 12 at the door

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Tuesday, February 22, 7pm , Planetarium ( 1100 Chestnut Street , Vancouver )  
VIMFF Ice Climbing Evening with Joe Josephson's Winter Dance: A 35 Year History of Ice Climbing live slide show; and a selection of films on ice climbing, mixed climbing and dry tooling.

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Wednesday, February 23, 7 pm , Centennial Theatre (2300 Lonsdale, North Vancouver )  
VIMFF Festival Opening, presented by MEC with VIMFF Photo Contest awards and exhibition opening; Melting Mountains , a climate change awareness program developed by the Alpine Club of Canada due to the harm caused by climate change on our recreational opportunities, mountain lifestyle, and ecology and economy of Western Canada; and films

\$ 15 in advance, \$ 17 at door

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Thursday, February 24, 1:30pm , Centennial Theatre (2300 Lonsdale, North Vancouver )  
Youth and Community Educational Program for the North Shore students, featuring Melting Mountains .

Free of charge for students.

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Thursday, February 24, 7pm , Centennial Theatre (2300 Lonsdale, North Vancouver )  
VIMFF wildest Mountain Biking Evening, presented by Norco featuring the Norco Factory Trials Team in a stage show; legendary mountain biker Hans Rey ; and the latest mountain biking flicks, once again higher, deeper and dirtier.

\$ 15 in advance, \$ 17 at door

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Friday, February 25, 7pm , Centennial Theatre (2300 Lonsdale, North Vancouver )  
VIMFF Climbing Evening with Austrian climber, photographer and filmmaker Heinz Zak  
in a live multi-media presentation; and other theatrical acts, both real and  
cinematographic.

\$ 15 in advance, \$ 17 at door

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Saturday, February 26, 3pm , Centennial Theatre (2300 Lonsdale, North Vancouver )  
VIMFF Mountain Film Buff Matinee 1 with Katy Holm in a live program about her  
sailing and climbing trip to Greenland; and VIMFF 2005 film select. Part of the  
ticket proceeds will go towards the Wilderness Education Program.

\$ 9 at door

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Saturday, February 26, 7pm , Centennial Theatre (2300 Lonsdale, North Vancouver )  
VIMFF BC/Canada Evening, presented by Mount Seymour , with a slide presentation by  
Peter Croft , Canada's pioneer of hard big-wall free routes, in Falling Down and  
Getting Up : A year of climbing in the Sierra Nevada in California, from the  
highest peaks to the depths of injury and back up again; young Canadian leading  
rock climber Sonnie Trotter in his Coast to Coast rock climbing Odyssey; and the  
latest breed of mountains films made in your backyards.

\$ 15 in advance, \$ 17 at door

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Sunday, February 27, 3pm , Centennial Theatre (2300 Lonsdale, North Vancouver )  
VIMFF Mountain Film Buff Matinee 2: K2 in Film, a selection of historical and  
modern films dedicated to exploring the Killer Mountain

\$ 9 at door

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Sunday, February 27, 7pm , Centennial Theatre (2300 Lonsdale, North Vancouver )  
Festival Finale with film awards ceremony; live slide and multi-media  
presentations featuring mountaineers Jim Wickwire, Dianne Roberts, Jim Whittaker,  
Jennifer Jordan, and others, dedicated to exploring and climbing K2 ; and  
screening of some the festival winning films.

\$ 15 in advance, \$ 17 at door

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Centennial Theatre Seminars (Saturday February 26, and Sunday February 27, 2005 )  
VIMFF will offer a series of seminars on filming and photography in wilderness  
conditions, as well as training and nutrition for climbing and expeditions. For

details please check [www.vimff.org](http://www.vimff.org)

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Festival tickets will be available as of mid-January 2005 at the Centennial Theatre, 2300 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver, (604) 984-4484; and at MEC, 130 W Broadway, Vancouver; MEC, 1341 Main Street, North Vancouver.

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