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Welcome to the Varsity Outdoors Clubs (VOC) weekly e-newsletter. Each addition of the newsletter will keep you up to date on the trips, activities, and news from the VOC.

We encourage everyone from beginner to expert to come out and participate in our trips and activities. If you are uncertain of what is expected for a particular trip, swing by the clubroom or contact the organizer to determine if a trip or activity is what you are looking for.

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I. UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

1. GLACIER DRY SCHOOL

When: 6pm Wednesday Sept. 14th

Where: VOC Clubroom 6pm-Execs and instructors meet at 5:30.

What: Richard So has organized a pre trip meeting for the weekend Glacier Camp where the weekends agenda will be discussed and questions answered. If you are planning on attending the Glacier Camp attendance to this meeting is essential.

PLEASE BRING YOUR 30 DOLLAR MEMBERSHIP FEE AND A FIVE DOLLAR GLACIER SCHOOL FEE TO THE DRY SCHOOL

Note 1: The VOC has helmets, crampons, ice axes, harnesses, and some boots available for use. Each item requires a \$20.00 refundable deposit, and they will be handed out on a first come first served basis. Other rental options are available through Mountain Equipment Co-op (MEC). For rental rates and hours of operation check their website at <http://www.mec.ca/index.html>.

Note 2: Prior to stepping onto a glacier it is essential that you test that your boots and crampons are compatible. For this reason we recommend that you bring

your boots with you to Dry school so that instructors may help you to adjust them in the warmth of the classroom, as opposed to in the great outdoors.

2. GLACIER CAMP

See you at dry School

3. CLUB DAYS

When: Sept. 19-22 10am to 4pm, and Sept. 23rd 10am -2pm.

Where: South Plaza of the Student Union Building (SUB)

What: Drop by and meet this year's VOC execs, and learn more about the club, at the annual event that allows new students to explore the clubs and associations on campus.

4. CLIMBING WALL NEWS

Eamon is away for the first semester. Nick Waber will be taking care of the wall again until January. Here is some important information for you.

1) How to access the wall.

To access our climbing wall you need a valid VOC membership card WITH CLIMBING WALL ENDORSEMENT ON THE BACK. This is available from Nick for \$5.00. This pays for holds and other necessary equipment like ropes. You must demonstrate your competence at belaying to receive this card. You must present this card to the SUB Proctor; their office is near the Gallery, in order to be let in to the wall. You must also have a partner, who also has a valid card. The wall may be used by VOCers only when we have it booked.

The schedule of climbing times is posted on the board outside the clubroom and on the Wiki.

Squiggly lines = climbing OK, no squiggles = no climbing.

Please don't jeopardize wall access for the club by climbing outside of our sanctioned times!

Some things to remember about the wall:

1) don't litter. The Norm Theater is right there and the Film Soc. gets unhappy about litter. (Plus it reflects poorly on us).

2) Clean up after yourselves.

3) NO BOULDERING!!!

Due to the nature of the wall (concrete vs. plywood) holds have a tendency to spin more than in standard gyms. If you are bouldering, even on an easy route, you could take a really, really nasty fall onto the hard floor or theater seats!

The routes from the April competition (with the new NICE holds) are still up. They are un-graded, and the point-values are not quite as accurately reflective of their difficulties as they could be. Nonetheless, there is something for everyone from 5.7-5.11+/5.12-ish. The winners of the comp flashed everything- all VOCers are encouraged to sign up for a wall membership with Nick, and to go out and see how you tally up!

If you have any questions, please email Nick at nwaber@hotmail.com. Include "VOC climbing wall" in the subject line so he doesn't delete your message in his junk-mail purges.

5. NEEDLE PEAK

When: October 1st and 2nd

Where: see above

What: a scramble/hike.

Who: Tyler Linn is organizing the trip, check the message board for new developments.

6. TOFINO SURF TRIP

When: October 1st and 2nd

Where: West Coast of Vancouver Island

What: Long boards, Neoprene, and Waves.

Who: 🥝Kiwi🥝 Jay is putting this one together, check the message board for updates.

II. CLUB NEWS

1. 2004/2005 MEMBERSHIPS WILL EXPIRE Sept 30, 2005. When the membership goes so to does the VOCene. Membership Fees go towards hut maintenance, outdoor equipment, club logistics, and we hope a new projector to spice up the monthly slideshows. Contact the Membership Chair: Oker Chen to renew your membership.

2. be sure to check out the VOC WEBSITE for discussion boards, contact information and up to the minute happenings in the club.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/>

3. CONTRIBUTIONS to the VOCene are welcome. Please send all inquires or additions to: vocene@ubc-voc.com.

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