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VOCene #1 - April 12, 2007

Hello. I am the new VOCene editor. You should already know this because you should have been at the banquet. If not, well, your loss. Anyway, I plan on sending VOCenes out over the summer, probably even once a week. If you think that is a bad idea, let me know.

I'll probably start harassing people for more VOCene content in the future, but for the meantime, you can email me anything you want to have included, either to this account (sewebster@gmail.com) or to the email address on the member list. If you want to be sure that it gets included, you should probably put "vocene" somewhere in the subject.

I'll hopefully get more organized with this soon, but I figured this issue was already "late" so I'd send one out immediately.

Upcoming events:

Norm Wall Climbing Competition

Thursday April 19th, 7:00pm

Cost: \$5

There will be prizes. Generally you climb routes and get points based on how much you fall etc. See the message board for details. Jeff is also looking for volunteers (see the message board). This is always a good time of climbing and hanging out.

MEC Spring Gear Swap

April 28-29

Cost: Loss of sleep

MEC is having their spring gear swap again. They will be selling off rental gear too. If you want the good stuff, show up the evening before, sleep outside MEC and then rush in when it opens Sunday morning. Officially it starts at 10:30am. If you show up then you won't get anything.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/MEC_Gear_Swap#MEC_Gear_Swap_Spring_2007

There are a bunch of other events either about to start, or more in the planning stages. Check the message board if you are keen to find some last minute activity this weekend, or to plan for the future.

Remember the Sun Run is this Sunday morning. Don't really plan on going anywhere near downtown Vancouver around race time.

Conservation:

Skaha Access

As you may be aware, access to the climbing area at the Skaha Bluffs is becoming more difficult. Plans have been put in place to solve this problem permanently by purchasing some adjacent land.

Unfortunately \$1 million needs to be raised. MEC has donated \$250000 and agreed to match member donations up to an additional \$100000. For more information (and to donate) go to:

http://www.conservancy.bc.ca/news_view.asp?id=735&ref=todays_news

Elk Mountain Trail Logging

The popular Elk Mountain Trail in Chilliwack is in danger of being logged. For more information:

<http://www.elkmtntail.com/>

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(This is no joke, no wimpy confirmation screens will appear, so don't mess around)

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