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I. Trip Reports

1) Mt. Price via Brohm Ridge

Christian Veenstra led a "beginner friendly" trip to climb Mt. Price with the unusual approach route of Brohm Ridge. In the end there were 26 people on the trip, a large group even by VOC standards. The route was very nice and included a great campsite on the outwash plain of the Warren Glacier, next to Culliton Creek. For more info and links to many photos see the message board thread:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=28404&t=28404>

2) Self Arrest on Strachan

After witnessing several uncontrolled (and thankfully not to dangerous) slides on the Mt. Price trip, Christian decided to lead another beginner trip to practice self-arrest. The Christmas Gully (I believe this is the name?) on the back side of Mt. Strachan (in Cypress Provincial Park) was chosen as a convenient location for an evening trip from the city. Some snow was located just as the sun was setting and practicing was accomplished into the night. Snow conditions were a little bumpy, but lots of learning occurred.

3) Phelix Trail Work

Hmm. This trip was also led by Christian!

Anyway, a new trail on the west side of Phelix Creek was initiated on the weekend by a group of 12. Unlike the above two trips this one was semi-epic as the chainsaw crew took a little longer than expected to bushwack to the hut with the chainsaws (in a torrential downpour). They were eventually recovered by the rescue party. There is now a cleared trail through the slide paths. There are two good sections with an uncleared portion in between. They essentially follow the yellow winter flagging (up high) with some new flagging down low. The upper part of the route is still a bushwack, but it is relatively easy to join the old trail (after it crosses back to the west side of the creek) for the last portion if you want.

4) Elfin Lakes

Lindsay, Ashlee, Olivia and Vince made a trip to Elfin Lakes in the rain last weekend. They did some exploring and sliding on the snow and enjoyed the boisterous company in the hut (though they slept in tents to avoid the worst of it). TR is here:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=28839&t=28839>

II. Upcoming Trips and Events

1) Frisbee, July 25

Looks like Frisbee is happening again tonight.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=26240&t=26240>

2) WARC, July 26

Weekday Afternoon Rock Climbing (WARC) is being revived tomorrow (Thursday) at Lighthouse Park. Sounds like people will be there throughout the day.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=29169&t=29169>

3) Mt. Gardner, July 28/29

A trip to Mt. Gardner on Bowen Island is being organized for one of the days this weekend. Should be beginner friendly. See the thread for more info.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=29011&t=29011>

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