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Welcome back! For new members who have just recently joined, this is the VOCene, a weekly email newsletter about club events.

I. Trip Reports

1) Tsylos

Two VOC groups just returned from visiting Tsylos Provincial Park and the Tchaikazan Valley. This area is a long drive, but apparently quite beautiful. Check out the message board threads for trip reports and photos.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=30249&t=30249>

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2) Mountaineering Camp

This year Mountaineering Camp was held at Wedgemount Lake in Garibaldi Provincial Park. Various groups climbed Wedge, Lesser Wedge, Weart, Rethel and Cook. A dinghy made a rare visit to this frigid lake. The weather was generally terrible, but Saturday was quite nice. Trip reports and pics:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=29913&t=29913>

3) Other reports

There are a bunch more trip reports on the message board right now. People seem to have been doing a great job of prefacing their post with "TR:" so they are easy to spot. Have a read (especially if you are new) and see what others in the club are up to.

II. Upcoming Events and Trip

1) Brew Hut Workhike, September 8-9

Scott Nelson is organizing a trip to the Brew Hut to do some maintenance on the trail and hut. Brew is one of four huts that the VOC maintains in the local mountains. Each VOC member is expected to attend at least one workhike per year in order to earn the privilege of borrowing gear. There will undoubtedly be singing and tasty goodies. More info on the message board and wiki:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=30241&t=30241>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/General_purpose_Brew_workhike

2) Glacier School, September 15-16

Glacier school is the annual VOC instructional trip for learning how to travel safely on glaciers. Unfortunately it is now full due to overwhelming demand. There is a waitlist you can sign up on if think you are lucky :) Dry school will be Wednesday September 12th

6:30-9:30pm in Buchanan A100. Dry school is mandatory. Waitlist people can show up and if there are no-shows you get their spot.

Glacier1 instructors are desperately needed. Please sign up.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=30159&t=30159>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Glacier_School_2007

3) Slideshow

Rumour has it that there will be a slideshow next week. It won't be in the traditional Wednesday time slot due to Dry School so watch the message board for updates.

4) Longhike, October 6-7

Longhike is an annual VOC rock climbing school and party. Not much hiking usually occurs. It will be on Thanksgiving Weekend, October 6-7. This is the event of the year, so uhh, don't agree to go to your relatives for dinner. Details to come. Tickets will be on sale at Clubs Days, in a couple weeks.

5) Other Trips

There are a few other trips in the works, so check the message board for some other options for this weekend in case you are allergic to blueberries and can't go to Brew.

III. Conservation and Recreation

1) Save Skaha Here is the latest update from the Climbers' Access Society of BC.

The deadline for raising the \$1 million for the Skaha purchase is September 30th. Donations now total about \$600,000, including large contributions from Mountain Equipment Co-op, Arc'Teryx, Black Diamond, The Edge Climbing Centre, Cliffhanger (Vancouver and Coquitlam), and several sections of the Alpine Club of Canada. The Access Society has pledged \$10,000. The Land Conservancy of B.C. (TLC) is working hard to raise the balance, through donations, grants, and other sources, so that there is long-term access to Skaha Bluffs for climbers and the public. The climbing community has to do all it can to help with the last \$400,000. There's only a month to go. TLC has an agreement to buy 300 hectares of private land at Skaha (sublot 18 - southeast of Braesyde parking). It closes on September 30th. When/if the land is bought, and needed work done, it will provide permanent public access

to Skaha. All the land, added together, will make a good-sized protected area, valuable for both recreation and conservation. Thanks to TLC's partners, a generous donation by the current owner, and other donations, much of the needed money has been raised. (The total price is more than \$1 million.)

Website: www.conservancy.bc.ca

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