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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) Escape from Sampson

Matthew Breakey and Piotr decided to climb Mt. Sampson on the weekend. Their tale of water, bushwacking, glaciers and other tomfoolery is available on the message board (with linked pictures!):
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=31066&t=31066>

2) Cypress

A large-ish VOC group tackled Cypress Peak on Sunday. The Roe Creek road is now 2WD the R200 branch. They drove 4WD to the end. Frost and snow on the route made it more tricky than usual. Winter is coming!
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=30816&t=30816>

3) Jeff's Swim of Unsanity

Jeff Mottershead wanted to swim from Wreck Beach to Lighthouse Park. Shockingly he thought he should bring along an escort in a kayak in case there were any problems (or did someone force him to do this?) Natalie Stafl agreed to paddle an enormous tandem kayak by herself beside Jeff as she swam. Of course, the fact that Jeff recently broke his ankle and is still wearing a cast didn't deter him. It's not

clear if he wore the cast while swimming or not. In any event, apparently he made it about 75% of the way to the Lighthouse before the current was deemed too strong. Instead of continuing he turned right and swam to Stanley Park for a total distance of 15km, almost double the distance from Wreck to the Lighthouse. Ridiculous.

II. Upcoming Events and Trips

1) Slideshow -TONIGHT- Sept. 26

Clubroom, 7pm

Rob Brusse is presenting some of his slides from his numerous climbing trips to Bugaboo Provincial Park. If you haven't heard of this place, just imagine long alpine routes, splitter cracks, granite spires, and glaciers. I know the alpine rock season is over now, but it's never too early to start thinking about next summer.

2) Mt. Fromme Trails Meeting, Sept. 27

Parkgate Community Centre 3625 Banff Court North Vancouver
Room: Mary Hunter Hall

Thursday, September 27, 2007 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Presentation by Consultant 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Review Dislpays 7:30 onwards

The District of North Vancouver Parks and Environment Department is in the latter stages of our work on the Fromme Mountain Trail Classification Plan. DNV staff and the consultant team would like to invite you to a Public Open House to review the "draft" plan and to contribute your feedback, comments and questions.

<http://dnv.org/article.asp?a=3882&c=988>

3) Hanes Valley, Sept. 29

Michael Kaye is organizing a hike from Lynn to Grouse via the Hanes Valley. Details on the message board:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=31106&t=31106>

4) MacDonald and Webb, Sept. 30

Natasha Tam is organizing a trip to hike and scramble MacDonald and Webb peaks (out in Chilliwack) this Sunday. Sign up on the wiki.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Sunday_Scramble:_MacDonald_and_Webb_Peaks

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=31011&t=31011>

5) Longhike, Oct. 6-7, Dry School Oct. 3

Longhike is on Thanksgiving Weekend this year, but essentially everything happens on Saturday (and early Sunday morning) so it shouldn't interfere with any family plans etc. Longhike is a rock climbing "school." Not too much hiking goes

on. Longhike includes a day of learning from more experienced climbers in the club, dinner, accomodations (this year at Evans Lake Forest Education Centre), party of the year (beer for sale at \$3), breakfast, prizes and much much more.

Cost is \$45.

There are three levels of instruction, from total beginner, to intro. to trad leading.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Longhike_2007

There are still Longhike tickets available. Get yours in the clubroom at lunchtime (or at the slideshow tonight!)

Note the MANDATORY for everyone dry school on Oct. 3 in Wood 5 at 6:30pm

Instructor meeting Oct. 1, 7pm, clubroom. Email Ben if this is a problem.

6) Phelix Trail Workhike, Oct. 20-21

Support is already building for this workhike to finish off the new trail to the Phelix Creek (Brian Waddington) Hut. It counts as a workhike and you'll get to stay in a swanky hut. More info on the wiki and to come as the trip nears.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Phelix_Creek_Trail_Workhike_3

III. Other

1) T-Shirt Contest

Design the new VOC t-shirt! You could win a prize and be the envy of your peers! Contest ends this Sunday! See the message board for details:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=30540&t=30540>

2) Climbing Wall

This is a reminder that you are only allowed to climb on the climbing wall when we have the wall booked! Even if you can find your way into the wall at other times you are not allowed to climb! Don't jeopardize our access to the wall by breaking the rules. We have received complaints from FilmSoc regarding climbing during movies.

Wall hours:

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

3) Membership Renewals

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, do so soon, or else you will lose your membership privileges! Remember that alumni membership is free.

4) GAS Meeting

Some updates on the Garibaldi at Squamish Resort Development on the message board:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=30773&t=30773>

There will be more public consultation. Stay tuned!

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