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I. Trip Reports

- 1) Beginner Friendly Hike on Mount Seymour

Roland led a group of people from UBC to Mount Seymour on Saturday.

Roland reported:

"There was no snow at the parking lot, and atop the first peak, about 6 inches of crusty snow hard enough to walk on. Scott left his skis at the car and only regretted this decision two or three times. It is not yet pleasant to ski up there. Everybody seemed pretty happy with the hike, and got to slide around on their bottoms and other anatomies, on the crust. For those of you who indicated interest, but didn't come, we actually had three cars, so you could have gotten a ride. Keep in mind that people with cars usually committ at the last minute, but those without, need more time to try and organize rides for themselves."

Scott Nelson added his own TR: "Everyone survived, and everyone hiked to at least one local maxima."

II. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) Lynn Park Hike, November 3

Sophia is organizing a trip to Lynn Headwaters Regional Park this Saturday. Looks like some fairly mellow hiking that doesn't require too much equipment. See the message board:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=510&t=510>

- 2) Intro to Climbing Courses at the Norm Wall, November 6th (and ongoing)

The VOC is offering some introductory rock climbing courses at our indoor wall in the SUB in the upcoming weeks. The first two courses are next Tuesday from 11am-1pm and 3-5pm. The courses are intended for complete beginners and will cover the basics of tying knots,

belaying and using climbing gear safely. The courses are limited to 4 people each, but if they fill up, don't worry, we'll offer more.

Watch the message board and wiki (sign up on the wiki):

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=32526&t=32526>

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

3) Smith Rock, November 9-12

The annual club trip to Smith Rock in Oregon is fast approaching.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Smith_Rock_2007

4) Glacier Travel Review, November 10-12

If you aren't headed to Smith, you could consider brushing up on some mountaineering skills with Ran. He is organizing this trip to practice crevasse rescue techniques, glacier routefinding and possibly avalanche rescue. Sound like the tentative destination is the Wedgemount Glacier.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=498&t=498>

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

III. Other

1) Cycle to Mexico next summer?

I received the following information from Agents of Change. They are raising awareness of microcredit programs.

RIDING TO BREAK THE CYCLE 2008 - Call for cyclists!

Want to make a positive impact on the world? Interested in cycling the Pacific Coast?

Join 20 young people as they pedal from Vancouver, B.C. to Tijuana, Mexico to raise funds and awareness about how microcredit can help developing world entrepreneurs lift THEMSELVES out of poverty.

"An intensely powerful experience, a sharp reminder of what this was all about, the perfect wrap-up to a challenging journey of personal growth, and something none of us will soon forget."

- Shawn Smith on the ride and visit to ADMIC, a microcredit organization in Hermosillo, Mexico

Why join the 2008 bike tour?

- Cycle for seven weeks this summer, beginning May 31, 2008

- Vehicle supported tour covering 3000 km by bike from Vancouver, B.C. to Tijuana, Mexico

- Interact and educate communities along the way about microcredit and its power to help alleviate global poverty

- Join a mobile community of youth leaders while building enduring friendships

- Have the opportunity to visit a microcredit institution in Mexico

The 2008 Rider Application Form is available under 'Join the Ride' at www.agentsofchange.ca

First deadline for applications is November 15, 2007.

If you have any questions regarding Riding to Break the Cycle 2008, contact shawn.smith@agentsofchange.ca or please visit:

www.agentsofchange.ca/contact-us/

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