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----- About the Vocene -----

This is the weekly newsletter of the Varsity Outdoor Club. If you don't want to receive it any more, go to www.ubc-voc.com and edit your preferences.

--- New Members ---

About a dozen have joined recently. Welcome to the Club.

The big rush to join happens around the "Clubs Days", but if you are planning to join, or re-join, why not do it now and avoid the rush.

Note that if you have just graduated or dropped out of UBC, but want to remain connected with VOC and receive this lovely newsletter and access to the notice board, you are probably eligible to join as an Alumni Member. You still have to come to the Clubroom and fill out a membership form and sign the liability waiver, though.

----- This Wednesday (today) -----

Being the first Wednesday of the month, we will bring the BBQ, you will bring the food, and we will all meet to tell outrageous stories, cook our tasty items, and chase around Frisbees. When: Sept 3rd @ 6:00 pm
Where: End of Tolmie St, by the beach. (Note it's getting dark earlier, so we moved the time earlier. But if you have to arrive later, that's OK too.)

----- This Weekend -----

Nothing on the notice board for this weekend, but we can make plans at the BBQ.

----- Things being planned -----

Glacier School is full and has a waiting list. Longhike tickets are not yet being sold. A trail-clearing/firewood trip to Brew might be appropriate this coming weekend or next.

----- Ask Ms. Manners -----

Ms Manners is be back after her big trip to the Rockies, and cannot remember what interesting social problem she was trying to solve in the previous newsletter. Help her out, somebody. Maybe a story about how to get a ride if you don't have a car...?

----- Clubroom and gear hours over the summer -----

Sorry I haven't been on Campus so haven't read the notice board outside the Clubroom to see what the gear hours are for this week. If nothing has changed, try Monday, Thursday, or Friday at 12:40, when Piotr is there.

----- Finally -----

Final question: Is it VOCENE or VOCene? Or Vocene? Why?

We received two answers to this question

1) the first VOCENE was prepared using a teletype, and it had only capital letters.

2) Most certainly VOCene.

VOCENE: Looks far too aggressive / unwieldy / shouting. However in the world of Scrabble, more specifically Scrabble based literature, when referencing words played, all letters are capitalized. Unfortunately VOCENE is not a valid word, nor does it anagram into one. However, given an N (or a blank) you get CONVEEN (+50 for using all your letters).

Vocene: If vocene was a valid word, surely this would be the way to spell it. Nuff said.

VOCene: Although grammar sticklers may bemoan the mixed case, it's a good indication that we are not dealing with a valid word. This will save untold man hours of effort by the linguistic elite, who will think they've stumbled upon a rare, archaic specimen and attempt to track down it's etymology. Other advantages: the emphasis on VOC clues the uninitiated into the word's root and affiliation, and it would look killer as a logo.

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