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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

1) Hiking Sept 20-21

Looks like some sort of hiking trip is being organized for the upcoming weekend. Details still need to be sorted out.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=5508&t=5508>

2) Wedge Mountain Sept. 20-21

Similarly, a mountaineering or scrambling trip is being formed. Tentative location for this one is Wedge.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=5501&t=5501>

3) Glacier School Sept. 20-21

In 3 days. Having gone to glacier dry school, everyone going should be on top of this.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Glacier_School_2008

4) Whitemantle Traverse Slideshow, Sept 24th

Wednesday night slideshows are back, held in the clubroom at 7pm. Last year four VOCers headed out on a self propelled adventure from Quadra Island in hopes of Mt. Waddington. Hear what happens after they pushed off in their kayaks toward Bute Inlet.

5) Leavenworth Sept. 26-28

Description from the wiki: Leavenworth is primarily a trad climbing destination

with some sport, top rope and bouldering. There is no instruction provided so please plan accordingly. There is a number of multi-pitch climbs in the area including "Outer Space", a 5.9 classic (One of Tyler Lynn's favourites).
Depending on interest, a rock 4 group may be organized during this trip.
http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Leavenworth_2008

6) Backpacking/Hiking Sept. 26-28

Some sort of Backpacking and hiking trip are being planned. Organization seems to be happening on the message board.
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=5274&t=5274>

7) Longhike Oct. 11-12

Longhike is our annual instructional school for people wanting to learn how to climb outside and is a great time to meet new members. Tickets are on sale at club days and in the club room during lunch. Your 50 dollar ticket covers accommodation, dinner, breakfast, Saturday night's party, and a day of rock climbing instruction.
<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=5509&t=5509>

II. Miscellaneous

1) Longhike

Tickets for our annual outdoor rock climbing school are now on sale at club days and selling out fast. Longhike is a great way to meet new members, and your 50 dollar ticket covers two meals, accommodation, a day of instruction, and a party.

2) Club Days

There are still a few spots where we could use a keen volunteer or two to sell the VOC to the student population. Tim has posted some tips on how he approaches talking with potential members. The rundown is not to get bogged with details or jargon. Stick with what we do: climbing, hiking, skiing, and what we have: huts and a gear room. Good terms to use are winter camping, rock school, and glacier school.

Signup: http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Clubs_days_2008

Tim's Guide: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=39032&t=39032>

3) Trip Agenda

Not only is the trip agenda for official VOC trips, but your trip as well. If you are organizing a trip and inviting people along, please post it on the wiki. It helps all the people who are wondering what to do the upcoming weekend as well as the people who want to plan a week or two ahead.
http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Trip_agenda

4) Memberships

It's time for new members to sign up, and for old members to renew their memberships. Membership keeps you in touch through the website, the VOCene, and gets you access to our gear room. Drop by our booth at club days, or the clubroom around lunchtime.

III) Ms. Manners

Last week's question, from booth minder, inquired on the best way to go about asking attractive people who sign up at club days to go climbing. One person advises, "If Booth Minder can't find the courage to invite them climbing there and then, the polite thing to do is to wait a couple of days until their phone number

and email address are posted on the member list. That way Booth Minder is not running the risk of being accused of abusing their position as clubs days volunteer. Of course, as well as signing up, they should definitely encourage the attractive new member to also buy a ticket for Longhike, which will a good opportunity to buy them drinks... etc. Ms. Manners concurs that on the spot is best, and regardless of motives, inviting new members on trips is a great way to encourage them to be active in the club.

This week's question comes from Luggage Luger, How do I pack to impress? Is it best to prove that I can go the distance with a huge pack or should I stick to packing minimally and show my fortitude against the conditions? And is it alright to fill my pack with fluffy items and chips to give the illusion of weight if I'm really not that capable of carrying heavy loads? On the other hand, if I pack minimally and use my daypack, am I still obligated to carry an equal load of group food and equipment? What should I be packing?

If you have any brilliant packing strategies, or need help with another problem, please let Ms. Manners know.

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