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I. Introduction to the VOC night

New to the club?

Wondering how you get on your first trip?

How to borrow gear?

How to find new outdoorsy friends?

How to operate the web page?

How to get access to the climbing wall?

Come to our intro night to get answers to all your questions and meet other new club members. Everyone is welcome (bring along your friends that haven't joined)!

It's in our clubroom 7pm Thursday October 2nd.

II. Upcoming Events and Trips

I) Leavenworth, Sept. 26-28

Seems like everyone already has stuff planned for this weekend and the trip may not go on as planned. However, there still remain plenty of keen people looking to climb. Squamish was suggested as a closer destination.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=5390&t=5390>

2) Backpacking, Sept. 26-28

A two night hiking trip to Garibaldi Provincial Park. Itinerary is Elfin Lakes on Friday, Mamquam Lake on Saturday, with a Sunday hike out.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Overnight_hiking_trip_September_2008

3) Weekend Day Hike, Sept 27, 28

Rumor has it that at least one day hike will be organized this weekend. Keep your eyes on the message board for possible information, or check out the VOC's collection of day hikes and organize a trip.

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

4) Indian Arm Kayak, Oct 3-5

A relatively beginner friendly kayaking trip. Paddling all day, and then camping in the evenings. There's an agenda up, and a date set for the pre-trip meeting. The trip is almost full however.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Indian_Arm_kayak_2008

5) Mandatory Longhike Dryschool, Oct 8

For all those planning to attend Longhike, there is a mandatory dry school. The purpose of Dry School is to: Sort people into rides; join up drivers and passengers. Sort people into instructional groups, according to your abilities, experience, and preferences. Make sure everybody knows what to bring. Answer any interesting questions.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Longhike_2008#Dry_School_.28Mandatory.21.29

6) Phelix Creek Trail Workhike 5, Oct. 18-19

The continuation of saga, we're hopefully finishing off our trail to Phelix Creek, the location of our Brian Waddington Hut. Volunteers are needed to help with brushing, route markers, pinning logs, and treadway work. No experience is needed, and it counts as a workhike.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Phelix_Creek_Trail_Workhike_5

III. Miscellaneous

1) Longhike

Tickets are on sale. We still have some laying around, though as usual it is looking like we are going to sell out. 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) Memberships

As new members sign up, we would like to remind old members to renew their memberships. Membership gets to you access to the message board, gear rental, and this lovely newsletter every week.

3) Glacier School Trip Reports

Despite disappointing weather, Glacier School was a solid success. Both groups managed to safely survive a weekend of learning glacier and mountaineering skills. Trip reports and photos are up on the message board. Thanks a lot to Madeleine for organizing, and the instructors for passing on their skills.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=5639&t=5639>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=38344&t=38344>

IV) Ms. Manners

Last week's problem concerned Luggage Luggers' packing problems. The consensus was foregone, personal items are superfluous. Communal items such as instruments, wine, and especially food are the way to impress. Being one of the few females in the club, Potential Attractee sent in some tips to all the hopefuls. You need to show that you believe in gender equality, so assume that you will take all the

group gear, and then offer up a few pieces to "even out the load". Carry a full climbing rack, and offer hot water bottles in the winter. And nothing says mountain man like pulling out a few cans of Guinness on the summit. If you are the rare VOC female then the guys are already impressed. If, however, you want to compete within your gender there is a hierarchy into which you will be slotted and the bar has been set. In order to impress you need to use a backpack large enough that it could double as your bivi bag. Demand far more than your share of the group gear, carry lots of apples and carrots (none of that dry food and energy bars that the guys seem to rely on) and you'll also need to insist on breaking trail (winter sports).

As a supplement to carrying large food loads, a hefty food knowledge is desirable. Questions such as the nuances when it comes to differentiating crisps, crumbles, and cobblers seem to plague trips.

This week's question is posed by Trip Organizer.

Dear Ms. Manners,

When should I be calling my trip beginner friendly? Is this a qualification of a) skill level, b) output level, or c) required amount of photogenic gear? Is the smudge factor of 0semi-0 ambiguous enough if I0ve never been to an area before, and aren0t sure what to expect? Do beginners like type 2 fun?

Sincerely,
Trip Organizer

If you have a response to Ms. Manners, or thoughts to send, reply to the VOCene. Alternatively, email vocene@ubc-voc.com. Please help Ms. Manners out.

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