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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

1) Club Room Cleanup Workhike, Nov. 28th

Our club room is rather messy and could use a cleanup. So could some of our members. But that doesn't count as a workhike. This does. Come help clean the clubroom and take out gear guilt free.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Workhikes>

2) Beginner Friendly Snowshoeing, Nov 29-30

Most people are stoked for snow, but not everyone can ski. We'll be heading out to celebrate the end of classes and enjoy winter. Most of us will be on snowshoes, but skiers are welcome. Depending on conditions, you may survive as a hiker. A perfect trip before the exam blitz.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=6711&t=6711>

3) Ski Pilgrimage to Marriott Basin, Nov 29-30

Ski journey into the Coast Mountains to the Marriott Basin to reconfirm our beliefs in the snow gods and pray for a good ski season. Sunday there will be an attempt to summit Mt Rorh or Mt Cayoosh.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Skiing_Trip_Nov_29_2008

4) Mtn Safety Memorial Lecture Dec.2nd

Despite the proximity of the North Shore Mountains to the city, these hills are a dangerous playground and have claimed numerous lives. Even the most knowledgeable and prepared of adventurers can run into difficulties, as weather conditions and terrain can be harsh and unpredictable. This is an informative talk on backcountry safety, for people of all experience levels.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=40818&t=40818>

5) Best of BMFF 2008, Dec 4-6

The best films that were featured at the Banff Mountain Film Festival will be shown in Vancouver. Tickets are \$15 in the clubroom, pricier online. The link has the list of films.

<http://www.accvancouver.ca/best-of-banff/listoffilms.htm>

6) Sicktastic Powderfest 2008, Dec. 6-7

The general idea is to go skiing somewhere. This trip might be a little bit harder than some other super-introductory trips, so it would be ideal if you've seen snow before, done some kind of skiing (downhill, cross country etc.) or otherwise maybe be just a little bit above the ultimate beginner stage. This allows us to choose from a wider selection of locations in a quest for the sweetest pow.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=6895&t=6895>

7) Winter Social, Dec 10th

Potluck Style Social, with a slideshow by VOC alumni member Fred Touche! Come and have a good time in the midst of exams with fellow VOCers and good food. Details aren't fully posted on the wiki, but you can still mark your calendar.

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

8) Bonnington Traverse


Four day ski traverse, dates being flexible but during the exam period. The Bonnington ski traverse is near Nelson, takes 4 days and goes from hut to hut. Experience level is intermediate.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=6918&t=6918>

II. Lost and Found

There's a few items in the lost and found box including a nice brown MEC vest slightly to small for Roland. Please claim your items within the next week, or they'll migrate to the free box.

III. Ms. Manners

Having come into fashion lately,  trips were the topic of last's week question. Being a rather important topic, how do you choose the trips you go on, Ms. Manners put together her thoughts on Hot Trips.

Defining a Hot trip:

A Hot trip is one you wished you'd gone on. If there's no room, or you can't get a ride, that probably indicates that you are dealing with a Hot trip. If it's "by invitation only", almost for sure it is a Hot trip. If you didn't hear about it until after it happened, it is/was definitely Hot, but it's not going to do you any good now.

Hot trips have signup lists, quotas, and waiting lists. Just to be on the safe side, you should sign up for all trips. If you decide to not show up, that's ok, at least for the first couple of times; after that you might want to change your name or something.

Choosing a Hot trip:

Hot people make hot trips. Here is a fine example of hot VOCers making a hot, hot trip to hotspots:

<http://carroll.org.uk/photos/d/4595-2/pa040021.jpg>

Even a quick glance at the trip leader's picture on the member list usually tells you everything you need. For example, if you go on a trip with this guy, it will not be hot.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/member/show_extended.php?target_id=2174&PHPSESSID=7a40a97ddb1c9cc792ac91b6acb9ce67
It will likely be very cold. And clammy.

The inherent hotness of hotspring trips:

While I am no expert, I'd have to say that any hotsprings trip is, well, hot. First of all, the water is hot. This is clearly 'hot'. Sometimes it's even too hot. Would this make it less hot?

Second, there is a lot of nakedness. While nakedness in the pursuit of water falls into the 'politically correct nakedness that is natural and beautiful and nothing to get all hot and bothered about' category, this can't entirely stamp out a certain inherent hotness to nakedness.

Third, the last hotsprings trip had chocolate fondue. Can't cool that.

Unfortunately, not all Hot trips go to hot locations. Some of the hottest trips end up in the coldest locations. This week's question comes from Shivers:

Lying in my sleeping bag, sometimes I get awfully cold. I start to loose feeling in my toes, and my teeth start clinking. I don't know if I'll make it through the night. Even a hot trip can land you in a cold position. I'm sharing the tent with my driver, a scruffy looking fellow who I met this morning. Doesn't talk much, and I'm not quite sure of his name. Roy? No, Ed? Unfortunately he's not the charming boy that smiles whenever we meet. I need to get through this night so I can see him tomorrow. How do I ask Ed to spoon me?

-Shivers

Please help Ms. Manners help Shivers make it through those cold nights for Romeo.

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