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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) Weekly Slide Show: Three Weeks in the Kootenays - Feb 3rd

No slide show the week, but next week we've got Hiking, Scrambling and Cycling by Gili Rosenberg and Maya Goldstein.

The slide show will be at 7:00PM, Wednesday January 20th, in Henry Angus 321. You can find a map here:

http://www.maps.ubc.ca/PROD/index_detail.php?showMapCampus=y&bldg1ID=023

- 2) Intro to Backcountry Skiing - Jan. 30-31

To make room for lots of participants, there will be two groups heading out for separate intro to backcountry skiing trips. This trip is for people who have basic camping skills (and are prepared to camp outside in the cold, on snow) and skiing skills. Winter Longhike and Tele School are good preparation for this trip.

The trip is, perhaps obviously, an introduction to skiing in the backcountry. Skiing in the backcountry is a lot different than skiing in a resort for a bunch of reasons, including snow conditions, routefinding, avalanche danger etc. This trip is geared to introduce people to these differences so they can learn to be more confident heading into the wilderness in winter (on skis).

Trip meeting is tonight in Wood 1 at 6pm. Make sure to come, even if you're on the waiting list as spots may open up.

More details and sign-up on the wiki:

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Intro_to_Backcountry_Skiing_2010

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=11895&t=11895>

3) Intermediate Friendly Trip to Phelix - Jan. 30-31

This is a loosely organized ski trip for intermediate skiers. There will be no instruction and you're expected to have some avalanche training or pair up with someone who does. There will likely be no pre-trip meeting so if you'd like to go please put your name down on the wiki and contact Tim Blair.

Wiki for (wait list) sign ups and info.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Phelix_Jan_30-31_2010

4) Beginner Friendly Trip to Red Heather - Feb. 6

This is a beginner-friendly trip (see Glossary), and we'll all but carry you if that's what it takes. Red Heather is the easiest and cheapest nice snow you will find anywhere.

Wiki for sign up and info:

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/2010_Feb_6_%28Sat%29_Beginner_day_trip_to_Red_Heather

5) Beginner Friendly Trip to Brew - Feb. 6-7

This is a beginner-friendly trip (see Glossary), but non-instructional, so people should have an idea of what they would be getting into (ie, snow or (hopefully not) rain, cold, elevation gain to get to hut, etc.), but no-one will be left to fend for themselves.

Wiki for wait list and info:

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Beginner_Ski_Trip_Feb_6-7%2C_2010#Equipment_List

6) Beverly Creek Trail Marking - March. 6-7

Come help put up trail markers along the ski trail that goes up Beverley Creek from the Whistler Olympic Park nordic center. This will be a 2 day trip, camping out in one of the many open meadows along the way. Beginner skiers are welcome, as the terrain along the whole trail is quite flat and easy. Also, the first three carloads of people get free gas.

Wiki for sign up and details:

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Beverley_Creek_trail_marking#Sign_up

7) Beverly Creek Trail Marking - March. 27-28

Come help put up trail markers along the ski trail that goes from Whistler Olympic Park nordic center to Hanging Lake. This will be a 2 day trip, camping out near Hanging Lake. Once again, free gas for the first three cars.

Wiki for sign up and details:

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

II. Miscellaneous

1) VOC Photo and Video Contests

In addition to the annual VOC Photo Contest, this year we'll also be holding the inaugural VOC Video Contest. Details of the contests have yet to be decided, but remember to keep shooting photos and video of anything you deem worthy while you're out with the club!

2) VOC Journal Call for Submissions

It's that time of year again - the time when you recall your favorite VOC moments, craziest trips, wittiest ideas or anything else VOC that you're fond of, write them down and submit them to your journal editor for this year's VOC journal.

Submission deadline: February 20th

What to write about: Anything VOC-related: trip reports, epics (accidental or otherwise), outdoor adventures abroad, how to turn your wonderful life partner into a wonderful climbing partner, bizarre things you've found in huts, how to survive the shoulder season, philosophical musings on the beauty of nature, backcountry recipes, etc.

If you think you can't write, but you've got something to say: We can edit stuff up so it looks pretty good. Just pretend you're talking to a friend.

You can find more information, along with some writing tips and ideas for articles on the wiki:

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/VOCJ52>

3) Ms. Manners

Do you have a question for Ms. Manners? If so, email it to one of your friendly neighbourhood VOCene editors and it'll get forwarded Ms. Manners for review. Remember, there's no such thing as a stupid question, so ask away.

Dear Ms. Manners,

While I wasn't looking, half the year flew by! I'm a new member and I was super pumped in September to do trips every weekend but now I feel like I'm running out of winter without having done any epic trips with the VOC! How do I find the time to get on trips?

Sincerely,

Over Worked and Under Tripped

Dear OWaUT,

We've all been there, school is an unending barrage of things that are past due and it can be hard to find time for trips. Your best bet though is to keep an eye on the VOCene or the message board and then sign up for a trip when it's still a couple of weeks out. In the time before the trip just focus on not letting anything get in the way of that weekend. Don't let assignments slide and don't procrastinate about writing that paper. Don't tell yourself that you can always get it done that weekend if you run out of time. That weekend is for going on a trip, you won't be in town so you can't work! It's not flawless, but it's your best bet for managing time so you can get out skiing!

Sincerely Ms. Manners

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