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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

1) Weekly Kayak Polo

Under the excuse of practising eskimo-rolls, VOCers are holding weekly kayak-polo sessions at the UBC pool. Typically, half the time is spent practising rolls, as there's always people that want to learn, and the rest of the time we play kayak-polo. The pool is warm so you don't need a wetsuit and beginners are always welcome. This usually happens on Tuesdays from 8:30 to 10pm, but please check the message board thread, and if you are coming write your name in the wiki page.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=10773&t=10773>

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Kayak_Polo_%40_the_Aquatic_Centre

2) Weekly Slide Show: A Semester in Patagonia with NOLS - March 3rd

Jacob Slossberg, one of your friendly quartermasters will be filling us in on the semester he spent nearly starving/freezing to death in Patagonia with NOLS. There's drama, gauchos, mountains, staph infections, kayaks and more in this one.

The slide show will be at 7:00PM, Wednesday March 3rd, in the VOC clubroom.

3) 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

4) Hanging Lake 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

The annual VOC Photo Contest is coming up fast. The photo contest is broken down into six categories:

- * A) Landscapes ☺ Waterfalls, mountains, sunsets, etc. People are not the focus of the shot.
- * B) Action Shots ☺ Photos of people outdoors and in action, usually climbing, skiing, or mountaineering.
- * C) Flora and fauna ☺ Plants and animals only. A good place for macro's.
- * D) Club Activities ☺ Parties, longhike, winter longhike, glacier school, and all other club activities.
- * E) Portraits ☺ Portrait of a person. Preferably in an outdoor setting, and of someone in the club.
- * F) Misc ☺ Anything that doesn't fit in the other categories.

A final photo will be chosen as the best overall photo.

Judging: Photos will be judged by five members of the Executive ☺ judges TBA

Prizes: The photograph chosen as best overall entry will be given a full colour page in the 2009/2010 VOC Journal. Other categories will have prizes for first place, and acknowledgements for runners-up. All winners and runners up, as well as other notable mentions will replace the current pictures on the VOC homepage. The winners and prizes will be announced during the VOC Banquet.

Submission: Photos will be accepted only via the VOC gallery on the website. To submit your photo's click ☺edit☺ on the photo you wish to submit, and under ☺keywords☺ add ☺a-contest2010☺ for category A pictures (landscapes), ☺b-contest2010☺ for category B pictures (climbing, skiing, mountaineering), and so on. Due to the large numbers of photos, this will be the only accepted method. If you've never used the VOC photo gallery, you can follow the instructions to get started.

Captions: Please ensure that you include the name of the photographer in the caption, as well as an actual caption. Having some kind of description is important because the judges would like to know what is going on in the photograph, as would the readers of the journal is the photo is a winner! (name is important because the person who took the photo isn't necessarily the person who posted it)

Note: If you submit too many photos, we will remove them from the contest. If a photo is not in the correct category, it will be removed from the contest. Due to the large number of submission, the judges will not move incorrectly categorized photos to the correct category.

Deadline for submissions: All submissions must be submitted via the photo gallery by March 3rd at 4pm, due to publishing deadlines for the VOC journal.

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) 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,

My ski boots are smelly. I mean, brutally, painfully smelly. My significant other has now quarantined them to the darkest reaches of the laundry room and they're about one hut trip away from becoming boots that live in the garage between trips. Any tips on de-stinking them?

Sincerely,

Pretty much every single VOCer that's been on more than one trip.

Dear PMESVOCTBOMTOT

We all have boots like yours. They can be handy when dealing with pest infestations, leaving them in the kitchen for a few days should kill off any mice or cockroaches you may have. On the other hand, your significant other probably has a point. Two techniques that have proven helpful for hard to wash boots are dryer sheets and baking soda wrapped up in a breathable cloth. These won't get your boots wet (which leads to the always awesome mouldy boots) and can be done any time you're off trip. Neither will completely solve the problem, but hopefully it'll help get it under control.

Sincerely,

Ms. Manners

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